

Electronic Reporting of DMR's

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A **big "Thank You"** goes to the NDEQ for providing the following information:

On October 22, 2015, EPA published the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Electronic Reporting Rule, which requires electronic reporting of NPDES information rather than the currently required paper based reports from the permitted facilities. To comply with the federal rule, permittees will be required to submit DMR's electronically using the EPA NetDMR tool starting December 21, 2016. The rule provides flexibility to grant temporary or emergency waivers from electronic reporting. To receive the waiver, you must first submit an electronic reporting waiver request to the NDEQ. The Department will either approve or deny the request. The following are considered approved criteria for a waiver not to exceed 5 years:

- Access to a computer with high-speed internet is not readily available.

For more information on waivers, contact [NDEQ.NetDMR@ Nebraska.gov](mailto:NDEQ.NetDMR@Nebraska.gov)

The rule also requires electronic reporting of certain other NPDES reports by December 21, 2020, including:

- Notices of intent to discharge under a general permit
- Notices of termination of coverage under a general permit
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Report
- Pretreatment Program Annual Reports
- Sewer Overflow/Bypass event Reports
- Clean Water Act Annual Reports
- And others

The NDEQ has begun providing NetDMR training at NeRWA wastewater operator training classes and other locations across the state.