



APPLICATION FOR
Temporary Electronic Reporting Waiver
NPDES Permit Number N | C | | | | | | | |

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Federal regulations require electronic submittal of all discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) and other program reports and specify that, if a state does not establish a system to receive such submittals, then permittees must submit monitoring data and reports electronically to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The final NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule was adopted and became effective on December 21, 2015.

A permittee may be granted a temporary waiver from the NPDES electronic reporting requirements if the reporting facility:

- 1. Is physically located in a geographic area (i.e., zip code or census tract) that is identified as underserved for broadband internet access in the most recent National Broadband Map (http://www.broadbandmap.gov/) from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); or
2. Demonstrates that such electronic reporting of the monitoring data and reports would pose an unreasonable burden or expense to the NPDES-permitted facility.

Approved waivers from electronic reporting are temporary and will include an expiration date. The permittee may re-apply for a new waiver if the conditions above are met. Re-application should be submitted to the Division no later than sixty (60) days prior to the electronic reporting waiver's expiration. Approved electronic reporting waivers are not transferrable.

Upon the electronic reporting waiver's expiration, if the permittee did not re-apply for and receive a new temporary waiver, then the permittee must report the required NPDES monitoring data and reports electronically using the state's web-based electronic reporting tool (for DMRs use the eDMR system) or EPA's web-based electronic reporting tool (for the CWA § 316(b) Annual Reports only).

Electronic reporting waivers are waivers from electronic reporting only. An NPDES-regulated permittee receiving an electronic reporting waiver must provide the required monitoring data on paper forms or formats approved by the Director. Failure to report is an enforceable violation of the NPDES permit.

To apply for a temporary waiver from electronic reporting, please provide the following information:

1. Contact Information:

Designated Facility Representative (as identified in accordance with 40 CFR 122.22)

Name \_\_\_\_\_
Position/title \_\_\_\_\_
Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_
City \_\_\_\_\_
State / Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_
Telephone number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

NC DEQ / DWR / Water Quality Permitting Section – Wastewater Branch  
1617 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1617

**Note: The submission of this document does not guarantee the e-reporting waiver will be granted.**

You should receive a response from the Division within 15 business days of application receipt.  
If you have questions, or to check the status of your application, contact: Vanessa Manuel, 919-807-6392

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Electronic Reporting Waiver:

- Approved      Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Denied

*The US EPA shall have the authority to review and disapprove the state's decision regarding the granting of all temporary waivers from NPDES electronic reporting.*