

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## Construction Activity Dewatering

**Q: Does DOH require a notification of start of dewatering activities and/or start of discharge?**

A: There is no requirement to notify the DOH of the start of discharge associated with dewatering activities, however, the 2018 Appendix G requires the Permittee to notify the DOH within one (1) calendar week (7 calendar days) before the start of dewatering activities. Dewatering activities include the mobilization of equipment associated with construction. This is required so that DOH is aware of all active dewatering projects at a given time.

The notification of the start of dewatering activities is completed by submitting a CWB Compliance Submittal Form for Individual NPDES Permits and NGPCs form available through the e-Permitting Portal.

**Q: When do Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) need to be submitted?**

A: The 2018 Appendix G requires the DMR to be submitted by the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the monitoring period.

**Q: Are DMRs required to be submitted upon issuance of the NGPC?**

A: The 2018 Appendix G is effective upon issuance. Therefore, DMRs are required to be submitted immediately, even if there's no discharge. See below for clarification.

**Q: Does a DMR need to be submitted to DOH if there is no discharge during a monitoring period?**

A: The 2018 Appendix G requires a DMR indicating "No Discharge" to be submitted to the DOH by the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the monitoring period if there is no discharge at the site.

**Q: If multiple samples are collected during a month, does a DMR for each sample collected need to be submitted?**

A: Only one (1) DMR for the monitoring period needs to be submitted to the DOH. The Permittee shall report only the maximum result for each effluent parameter on the DMR for the monitoring month. However, all supporting documents including chain-of-custody's, lab analysis, flow calculations, etc. for each sampling event shall be included with the DMR submittal.

The Permittee is reminded to notify DOH both orally and written of all exceedances for each sampling event.