

Temporary Waiver Issued for a Portion of Annual Sewage Sludge Electronic Reporting

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is issuing a temporary waiver for a portion of the annual sludge electronic reporting requirements because the electronic reporting tool is not ready at this time. Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 127 requires Sewage Sludge Annual Reports to be submitted electronically; however, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does not have an electronic reporting tool available to accept these reports from Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permittees at this time. This waiver applies if the *Sludge Provisions* section of your TPDES discharge permit states that effective September 1, 2020, you must submit this annual report electronically.

Your TPDES discharge permit requires you to submit a sewage sludge report to your TCEQ regional office and to TCEQ's Enforcement Division every year. The annual report includes the submittal of sludge discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) and supporting written information. Waiver letters will be sent in the mail instructing domestic wastewater discharge permittees to continue to submit sludge DMRs electronically via NetDMR, and a written copy of the sewage sludge annual report to the appropriate TCEQ Regional Office until December 21, 2020.

The monitoring period for this reporting requirement begins on August 1 and ends on July 31. While most sewage sludge annual reports are due September 30, refer to your permit to confirm the due date for your individual authorization.

Please note this waiver only applies to the supporting documents (for example, sewage sludge certification statements and analytical lab test reports). This waiver does **not** apply to the DMR portion of your annual report. You must submit all outfalls of the sludge DMRs online using the NetDMR reporting system, whether or not they apply to your sludge use or disposal methods during the monitoring period. For access to NetDMR, visit www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/netdmr.

If you do not submit all sludge DMRs (SLDP, SLLA, SLLY, SLDF, and SLSA), you may receive a Notice of Violation for failure to report. For more information on the reporting requirements for each sludge DMR, visit www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/sludgedmrs.

If you have any questions about filling out your DMRs, visit the [TPDES Sludge Discharge Monitoring Reports \(DMRs\)](#) webpage, email NetDMR@tceq.texas.gov, or call (512) 239-eDMR (3367). Please contact the Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section at (800) 447-2827 if you have any other questions regarding this matter.