

# NetDMR: Online Reporting of Discharge Monitoring Data

## What is NetDMR?

**N**etDMR is a Web-based tool that allows you as a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permittee to electronically sign and submit your discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The data is then automatically submitted to the EPA's Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS)-NPDES database.

NetDMR benefits for permittees:

- Offers an alternative to paper submissions, reducing your paperwork burden.
- Improves your data quality by automatically error checking and validating data prior to your submission to the TCEQ.
- Aids in the timeliness of your DMR data submissions.
- You can import DMR data for multiple outfalls at the same time.
- You can sign your DMRs electronically.
- You receive confirmation of your submission.
- You can access up to five years of electronic copies.
- You can submit attachments such as lab data, photographs, or other documentation relevant to the DMR.

## There are several types of NetDMR users, and each user can be assigned one or more roles.

### NetDMR Users

- **Permittee User**—you work for an organization that is required to submit DMRs under a TPDES permit.
- **Data Provider (e.g., analytical laboratory, consultant)**—you support an organization that is required to submit DMRs as part of a TPDES permit.

### NetDMR Roles

- **Permittee Read-only:** able to view DMRs associated with the permit, but not allowed to update or modify DMR data.
- **Edit Access:** able to view and modify DMRs and DMR data.
- **Signatory:** has authority to sign and submit DMRs on behalf of your organization. A request for the signatory role requires submission of a subscriber agreement to the TCEQ.

- **Permit Administrator:** able to approve all DMR read-only and edit requests for a permit.

If you as a permittee so choose, one person can fulfill all the necessary roles in NetDMR—meaning, one person can both enter the data and have signatory authority to submit the data. In that case, that person would need to have the role of signatory.

## Who can report?

TPDES permittees required to submit DMRs may use NetDMR after requesting and receiving permission from the TCEQ. After the TCEQ has approved your request, the NetDMR tool enables you to complete your DMRs via a secure Internet connection.

### DMR data can be submitted electronically through NetDMR for the following TPDES permits:

- Industrial wastewater discharge individual permit
- Domestic wastewater discharge individual permit
- Authorizations under the TPDES Wastewater General Permit for discharges from concrete production facilities (TXG110000)
- Authorizations under the TPDES Wastewater General Permit for discharges of wastewater from concentrated aquatic-animal production facilities and certain related activities (TXG130000)
- Authorizations under the TPDES Wastewater General Permit for discharges contaminated with petroleum fuel or petroleum substances (TXG830000)
- Authorizations under the TPDES Wastewater General Permit for discharges of wastewater and contact storm water from petroleum bulk stations and terminals (TXG340000)

### What reports cannot be submitted through NetDMR?

- **Monthly Effluent Reports**—If you are required to submit MERs, you must continue submitting paper forms to the TCEQ. MER data cannot be submitted through the NetDMR system.
- **Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permit Reports**—Annual reports required by authorizations under the TPDES CAFO General Permit must continue to be submitted by paper.



- **Other required reports**—Individual and general permits with reporting requirements that you must continue to submit in paper form by mail include:
  - pretreatment semiannual and annual reports required in a permit or pretreatment program
  - biomonitoring quarterly, semiannual, and annual reports required in a permit
  - sludge beneficial-land-use quarterly and annual reports (domestic permits and sludge disposal)
  - multi-sector general permit benchmark testing
  - groundwater reports required in a permit

- other reports that relate to compliance activities specified in your permit (for example, a construction schedule)
- notices of noncompliance

## **Is NetDMR secure?**

Yes. Communications with NetDMR are secured by your password, responses to security questions, and use of the Secure Sockets Layer protocol commonly used by online banking sites.

### **For more information:**

Visit the NetDMR Web page at <[www.tceq.state.tx.us/goto/NetDMR](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/goto/NetDMR)>.

Submit e-mails to <[NetDMR@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:NetDMR@tceq.state.tx.us)>.

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