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RE: Electronic Discharge Monitoring Report Application for Missouri State Operating Permit

Dear Permittee:

In October 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Electronic Reporting (eReporting) Rule [80 FR 64063]. This rule directs any facility with a NPDES permit that requires monitoring and reporting to begin submitting their discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) electronically by December 21, 2016.

For the past couple of years the Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program has allowed permittees to voluntarily submit DMRs via the Electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) system; however, given the eReporting rule, the department must now start requiring DMRs to be submitted electronically. The department has decided permits classified as "Major" will be the first site-specific permit type required to submit DMRs electronically. The following information must be submitted and approved by the department at which time permit writers will conduct a minor modification to add the eDMR reporting requirement to your existing permit. The department plans to address this same requirement with minor permits at permit renewal.

Please complete the facility participation package for the eDMR system on or before December 21, 2016. The eDMR participation package is located on the department's website at <http://dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2474.pdf>. Training opportunities for eDMR participation as well as detailed eDMR instructions may be found on the department's website at <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/edmr.htm>. The original copy is to be notarized and sent to the department's Operating Permits Section at the address below as soon as you can. Once your eDMR application has been received and processed, you will not have to repeat the process for any future renewals.

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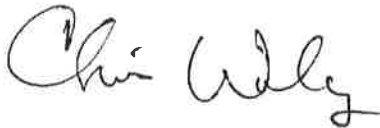
If you feel you cannot comply with this federal requirement, you may seek a non-transferable waiver from the department as authorized under 40 CFR 127.15 and 127.24. In order to apply for a waiver of the eDMR requirement, an eDMR Waiver Request Form must be submitted to the department with the facility name, NPDES permit number, facility address, contact information, reason for waiver request, and signature of an authorized representative of the facility. Reasons for a waiver include the facility is owned by members of religious communities that choose not to use certain technologies, being located in an area with limited broadband access, permit is to be terminated within one year, or a case-by-case basis so long as sufficient justification is provided.

Please be advised that receiving a waiver does not relieve you of the duty to comply with the conditions of your facility's permit. All permit requirements including sampling and reporting must be followed. The waiver only allows you to report on paper forms instead of electronically.

Thank you for working with the department to protect our natural resources. If you have any questions, please contact the Operating Permits Section by phone at (573) 522-4502, or by mail at the Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, Operating Permits Section, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Wieberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Chris Wieberg, Chief
Operating Permits Section

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c: Department of Natural Resources-Regional Offices