



Focus on Change 2024

Southwest District Wastewater Update



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Quality Assurance Audits

- **QA Rule 62-160:**
 - The QA rule requires that standard field sampling and testing follow DEP SOPs. It requires labs to be certified by FDOH for the analyte/method combination.
- **The QA Audit consists of:**
 - DMR Part A and Part B
 - Field Sheets and Chain of Custody
 - Groundwater DMR Part D
 - Lab Reports
 - Sampling Calibration and Verification Logs
- **Audit Findings**
 - Included in Inspection Report with compliance ratings
 - Used to identify corrective actions needed for compliance

For more information, please visit www.floridadep.gov/dear/quality-assurance



QA Common Errors - DMR Part A & Part B

- **Percent (%) capacity is miscalculated or reported incorrectly**
- **DMRs not submitted on time**
- **Plant staffing is not fully recorded**
- **Transcription Errors**



QA Common Errors - Field Sheets and CoC

- **Lot numbers and expiration dates of preservatives are not documented**
- **Sample temperature is not recorded at time of receipt**
- **Facility sampled does not have the permit ID information provided**
- **Container types are not documented for each analytical group collected**



QA Common Errors - DMR Part D

- **Exceedances/missing data are not explained in the “Comments” field or in attachment**
- **Preservation type and amount not listed for samples taken**
- **Flow rate during sample collection were not recorded or appropriate for analytes collected**
- **All columns are not complete for each parameter**



QA Common Errors - Lab Reports

- **Each sample is not associated with a client identification code**
- **Lab's DOH Certification number is not provided**
- **A statement that the results relate only to the samples listed in report is not provided**
- **Each sample & its condition is not clearly described and/or does not have a unique lab sample ID #**



QA Common Errors - Logs

- **Acceptance criteria for calibrations/verifications not properly documented**
- **Indication of whether calibrations/verifications passed is not included**
- **Value is not listed, or Unit of Standard not indicated**
- **Water quality probe unique identifiers are not documented**



SSO Reporting Requirements

- **SSOs must be reported in accordance with F.A.C. Rule 62-604.550 & 62-620.610**
- **SSOs < 1,000 gallons MUST be reported to the Department within 24 hours from the time the owner/operator becomes aware**
- **SSOs > 1,000 gallons MUST be reported to the State Watch Office no later than 24 hours from the time the owner/operator becomes aware**
 - **If reporting to SWO is required, a Public Notice of Pollution (PNP) can be submitted via Business Portal submission, or can be submitted on the PNP webpage, or through email or call to DEP**
 - **<http://floridadep.gov/pollutionnotice>**



Information for Reporting SSOs

- **Name, address, and telephone number of person reporting,**
- **Name, address, and telephone number of permittee or responsible person for the discharge,**
- **Date and time of the discharge and status of discharge (ongoing or ceased),**
- **Characteristics of the wastewater spilled or released (untreated or treated, industrial or domestic wastewater),**
- **Estimated amount of the discharge,**
- **Location or address of the discharge,**
- **Source and cause of the discharge,**
- **Whether the discharge was contained on-site, and cleanup actions taken to date,**
- **Description of area affected by the discharge, including name of water body affected, if any; and,**
- **Other persons or agencies contacted.**



SSO DEP Portal

- **DEP Business Portal**
 - <https://www.fldeportal.com/DepPortal/go/home>
- **SSOs are entered directly by responsible entity to ensure accurate spill information**
- **Reduces time spent on multi-agency notifications**
- **Notifies District office, populates Public Notice of Pollution and notifies DOH if within one mile of healthy beaches monitoring location**
- **Auto-populates nearby water bodies, if needed for report**
- **Auto-reminder email to finish report if not completed within five days**



Common Deficiencies





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 - www.epa.gov
- **Florida State Watch Office 1 (800) 320-0519**
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