



# FOCUS ON CHANGE: SOUTH DISTRICT UPDATE

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## Presentation Agenda:

- Meet Your South District Staff.
- DEP As A Resource.
  - Compliance Assistance Site Visits.
  - Discharge Monitoring Report Assistance.
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows.
  - Reporting Requirements.
- Quiz!





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# DEP AS A RESOURCE

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# COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE SITE VISITS

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**Compliance Assistance Site Visits (CASVs) are an excellent tool to understand compliance standing.**

Requesting a CASV:

- DEP District Staff will inspect your site for compliance with its operating permit at your request.
  - Results of that inspection will be sent in a letter that simply brings the findings to your attention.
  - Corrective actions and follow-up to the letter are not required.
  - A simple and effective tool to prepare for future inspections and maintain good compliance standing.



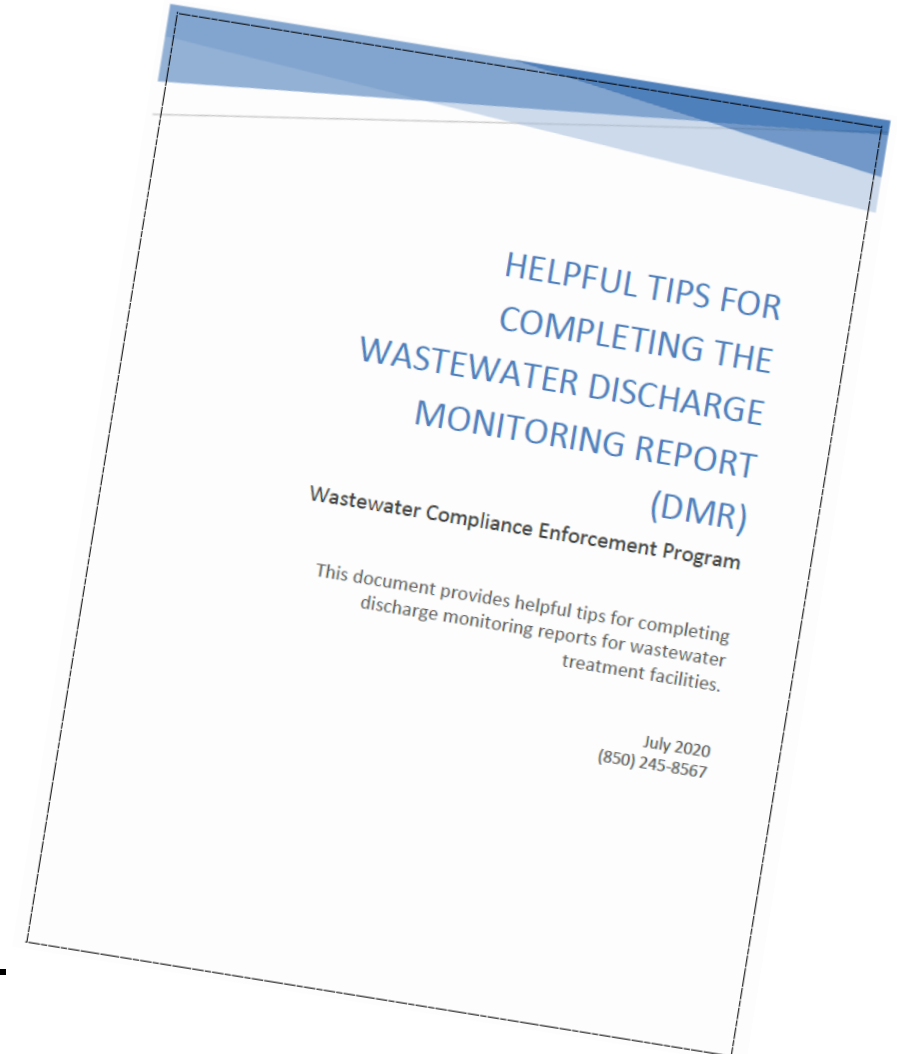
# DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORT ASSISTANCE

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**Reach out to your local district office for Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) assistance.**

Requesting a DMR assistance meeting:

- DEP Staff will set up a date and time, either virtually or in-person depending on your preference.
  - Clarify DMR expectations as outlined in the department's Helpful Tips guidance document.
    - Method Detection Limit (MDL) and Practical Quantitation Limit (PQL) considerations, average calculations, data qualifiers, codes, etc.
  - Walk you through completing your DMR and properly transferring lab data.





# SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS

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# SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS

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**DEP has developed guidance on how Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) are addressed statewide, which was implemented July 1, 2019.**

According to the guidance each incident is rated, and the appropriate following document is either filed or issued:

- Memo-to-File.
- Compliance Assistance Offer Letter (CAOL).
- Warning Letter (WL).



SSOs can be rated based on the following:

- Amount Spilled and Amount Recovered.
- Spill Characteristic.
- Chronic.
  - Two or more spills in a 12-month period from the same location.
  - More than six spills per 100 miles of collection system piping.
- Waterbody/Waterbodies Impacted.



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## **SSOs/Unauthorized discharges can be reported through the DEP Business Portal.**

Submitting through the DEP Portal notifies the appropriate District Office, populates a Public Notice of Pollution (PNP), and notifies Department of Health (DOH) if the spill was within one mile of healthy beaches monitoring location.

Waterbodies are auto-populated if needed for reporting. Additionally, the Department's Map Direct Gallery (DWRM Domestic Wastewater Facility Regulation Map) can be used to help identify the class of waterbody affected.

Submittal through the DEP Portal does **not** relieve users of the responsibility to call the State Watch Office (SWO).

<https://www.fldepportal.com/DepPortal/go/home>

[https://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/#Division%20of%20Water%20Resource%20Management%20\(DWRM\)](https://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/#Division%20of%20Water%20Resource%20Management%20(DWRM))

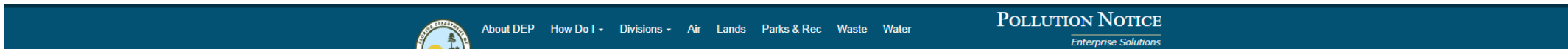


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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### 62-604.550, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), details the requirements for reporting SSOs:

- Within 24 hours of discovery, notify DEP that an SSO has occurred.
  - For spills >1,000 gallons or where public health or the environment will be endangered, contact the SWO.
  - For spills <1,000 gallons and where public health or the environment will not be endangered, contact your local district office.
- Submit a PNP if you were required to contact the SWO.
- Submit a written abnormal event report within five days of discovery to your local district office.



You are submitting a Public Notice of Pollution in accordance with [§403.077, F.S.](#), which is intended to prevent harm to human health, welfare, or property by assisting the control of pollution. This rule specifies that "reportable releases" are required to be reported to the Department. Please be aware that while submission of a Notice through this website complies with the requirements of [§403.077, F.S.](#), it does not relieve you of any obligation to report to the State Watch Office or other authority required by your permit or state law. If this is a new incident and is a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO), please use the [DEP Business Portal](#) (Select Submit, then Report) to report this Incident. For all other new Incidents, please select "Initial Notice" and click Submit below. If you have already received a DEP Incident ID from either this system or the Sanitary Sewer Overflow submission process, please select "Updated Notice of Pollution", enter the DEP Incident ID, and click Submit. For new Incidents, please select "Initial Notice" and click Submit below.

Notice Type

Please select your Notice type below.

I am submitting an : \*

- Initial Notice of Pollution
- Updated Notice of Pollution

Submit



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**If an SSO is reported to the SWO, a PNP is required by 403.077, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and 62-604.550, F.A.C.**

PNPs may be filed in two ways:

- DEP's PNP web page at <https://floridadep.gov/pollutionnotice>.
- By reporting electronically using DEP's Business Portal at <https://www.fldepportal.com/go/> (via "Submit" followed by "Report" or "Registration/Notification").

**If you call the SWO, the PNP must show!**

- Approximately 19% of spills requiring a PNP in 2023, did not have one filed.



# SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS

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### Make sure your Emergency Response Plan (ERP)/Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan (SSORP) is up-to-date!

Your ERP/SSORP must contain, at a minimum, the following:

- Assessment of system security including cybersecurity.
- Water quality monitoring for SSOs affecting surface waters.
  - Adequately describe how waterbodies classes are identified and what parameters are sampled. Parameters should correspond to 62-302, F.A.C.
- Hurricane and severe storm preparedness and response.

62-604, F.A.C., requires you to update your ERP/SSORP annually.

Your local district office can assist if you have questions.

A form titled "Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan" with a blue border. It features two photographs of sanitary sewer overflows. Below the photos are fields for "System Name:", "GMS ID:", "Address:", "City/State/Zip:", "Phone Number:", "Fax:", and "Email:". At the bottom, there is a logo for the Florida Rural Water Association and contact information: "FLORIDA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION", "2970 Wellington Circle • Tallahassee, FL 32309-7813", "Phone: (850) 668-2746 • Fax: (850) 693-4581", and "Email: frwa@frwa.net".

**Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan**

System Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GMS ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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