



April 8, 2020

Subject: Addendum to March 18, 2020 letter

Dear wastewater operators and managers:

As you are aware, the COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly and we are doing our best to adjust with it to keep you as informed as possible. We are also committed to using the discretion and flexibility we have to appropriately deal with situations as they arise. In March, DEQ sent a letter detailing some actions that facilities could take to prepare and what DEQ is currently doing to help with the response.

In that letter, DEQ identifies potential solutions to DMR reporting if a facility is unable to collect a sample or if a lab is unable to analyze. This is an update to that information. EPA has recently provided NPDES reporting guidance specific to the COVID-19 response.

Facilities should utilize the new NetDMR no data indicator (NODI) code Z – COVID-19 and include a brief comment regarding the sample or analysis.

DEQ has also prepared a broader agency response regarding compliance that is available on DEQ's website by following the COVID-19 response link on the homepage.

As always, if you have questions or concerns regarding facility operation, please reach out to your regional compliance officer for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Anne Nelson".

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