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ADEQ TO OFFER STATEWIDE TRAINING ON ELECTRONIC REPORTING

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is offering free training classes this summer at locations across the state to help holders of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits meet a federal deadline for electronic reporting. Classes are also offered at ADEQ headquarters in North Little Rock.

NPDES permittees must start submitting discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) electronically by December 21, 2016. Permittees in Arkansas will use the free web-based NetDMR tool accessible at <https://netdmr.zendesk.com/home>. The site allows users to create an account and provides training material. Permittees must enroll in NetDMR by the December 21, 2016, deadline.

ADEQ's training classes are designed for labs, contractors, consultants, individuals designated by permittees as signatory authorities (those who sign DMRs and must be the first to request access to create a NetDMR account), and facility personnel who will be entering or editing DMR data. The two-hour sessions cover how to create an account, request access, enter data, and electronically sign and submit DMRs.

The Electronic Reporting Rule became effective on December 21, 2015. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule requires NPDES permittees to submit the

following permit and compliance monitoring information electronically: DMRs, notices of intent to discharge in compliance with a general permit, and program reports. Authorized NPDES programs will also be required to electronically submit NPDES program data to EPA to ensure consistent and complete nationwide reporting, according to EPA. The rule is designed to save resources and make reporting easier for NPDES permittees, according to the agency.

Because of space limitations, participants must preregister at https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/enforcement/compliance/netdmr_training.aspx. Questions about the classes or registration should be addressed to netdmr-train@adeq.state.ar.us or to Tommi West at 501-682-0667.

Training locations, dates, and times are as follows:

Hope: University of Arkansas Community College, Johnny Rapert Library Complex, 2500 S. Main St.; Wednesday, July 13, 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.; Thursday, July 14, 8:00–10:00 a.m.

Forrest City: Eastern Arkansas Community College, CEC Building, Lab 1, 1700 Newcastle Rd.; Wednesday, July 27, 1:00–3:00 p.m. and 3:00–5:00 p.m.; Thursday, July 28, 8:00–10:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Monticello: Arkansas Cooperative Extension Services, Lab 1, 1022 Scogin Dr.; Wednesday, Aug. 10, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. and 1:30–3:30 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 11, 8:00–10:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Springdale: Northwest Technical Institute, Collegiate Center, Room 315, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd.; Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1:00–3:00 p.m. and 3:00–5:00 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 15, 8:00–10:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Hot Springs: Arkansas Rural Water Association Conference, Hot Springs Convention Center, Room 205, 134 Convention Blvd.; Monday, Sept. 19, 9:00–11:30 a.m. and 1:30–4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 20, 9:00–11:30 a.m. and 1:30–4:00 p.m. (Registration for the ADEQ NetDMR training does not ensure registration for the conference. Please confirm your conference registration with Arkansas Rural Water Association.)

North Little Rock: ADEQ headquarters, 5301 Northshore Drive; ongoing classes continue until further notice on Tuesdays, 9:00–11:00 a.m. and 1:00–3:00 p.m.