

General Pretreatment Permit for Significant Industrial User, Dewatering, and Remediation Discharges

Appendix D

Monitoring Waiver

Purpose: An Applicant who wishes to be excused from monitoring certain pollutants, as otherwise required by this general permit, must submit a Monitoring Waiver for those pollutants.

The Commissioner may authorize a Permittee to forego sampling of a pollutant (except for total toxic organics) if the Permittee has demonstrated through sampling and other technical factors that the respective pollutant is neither present nor expected to be present in the discharge above background levels from intake water and without any increase in the pollutant due to activities of the Permittee.

A monitoring waiver will not be granted for any pollutant that is added to the authorized discharge, in any quantities. Where monitoring and/or other data shows that the pollutant is present at levels above the background intake water level, the Commissioner shall deny the request for the monitoring waiver.

The Permittee's demonstration shall be made at the time of Application on forms provided by the Commissioner and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. A list of the pollutants associated with the monitoring waiver request.
2. Analytical data for each pollutant from at least ten samples of the facility's authorized discharge(s), after treatment. This sample shall be representative of all wastewaters capable of being discharged from the facility through the respective authorized discharge location(s) and shall be obtained and analyzed consistent with 40 CFR 136.
3. Analytical data for each pollutant from at least ten samples of the facility's authorized discharge(s), prior to any treatment. This sample shall be representative of all wastewaters capable of being discharged from the facility through the respective authorized discharge location(s) and shall be obtained and analyzed consistent with 40 CFR 136.
4. For those parameters detected in either the treated or untreated wastewater, analytical data for the influent water.
5. A request for monitoring waiver signed by a POTW Authority approving the waived monitoring requirement.

Non-detectable sample results may only be used as a demonstration that a pollutant is not present if the EPA approved method from 40 CFR 136 with the lowest minimum detection level for that pollutant is utilized.

Granting of the monitoring waiver will be identified within the Notice of Coverage.

If the monitoring waiver request is granted, then the Permittee shall provide the following certification on all subsequent DMRs:

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“Based on my inquiry of the person or persons directly responsible for managing compliance with this general permit, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no increase in the level of *{list pollutants for which a waiver was granted}* in the wastewaters due to the activities at the facility since filing of the last discharge monitoring report.”

If a waived pollutant is found to be present or is expected to be present in the authorized discharge(s) based on changes that occur at the facility, the Permittee shall immediately comply with the monitoring requirements or more frequent monitoring requirements imposed by the general permit.