Electronic Reporting of Stack Tests to DEP using the Electronic Reporting Tool (ERT)

News: The Air Permitting Program intends to include language in Permits approved on or after **July 1, 2014** that will require stack test protocols and stack test reports to be submitted to the Bureau of Technical Services (BTS) using ERT (unless otherwise approved by BTS). This will not affect any tests where protocols have already been submitted or approved, though ERT use is still encouraged for all tests.

How did we get here?

- ERT Version 1 released in 2006.
- November 2007 – BTS informally requested four Testers who do the majority of work in NJ to pilot the use of the ERT program.
- Fall of 2010 – BTS initiated a process to get ERT enhancements to make it more user-friendly.
- September 2011 – Presentation at ISG meeting indicating our intention to require ERT use in the future after phase-in.
- ERT Version 4 released in October 2011. Included many enhancements requested by BTS.
- December 2011 – BTS presented a hands-on ERT training session for interested Testers and indicated our intention to require ERT use in the future after phase-in.
- February 2012 – BTS Listserv encouraged Testers to begin using ERT and indicated our intention to require its use in the future after phase-in.
- October 2012 – BTS presents a second hands-on ERT training session for interested Testers. Continued to note our intention to require its use in the future after phase-in.
- December 2013 – Indicated at ISG meeting that we are targeting July 1, 2014 as the date where the use of ERT would begin being written into Permits, and sought comment.