

Frequently Asked Questions

These frequently asked questions pertain to the Request for Information sent on August 18, 2021, or March 23, 2022 to select NJPDES Industrial Discharge to Surface Water Permittees (Category B) and NJPDES Significant Indirect User Permittees (Category L).

1. **Where do we sample? If my facility has more than one outfall, do I sample all of my permitted outfalls?**

Two samples must be collected for each designated active discharge monitored location identified in each NJPDES permit held by the facility. The second sample should be taken at least 30 days after the first sample is collected.

2. **What about if I have stormwater discharges or discharges combined with stormwater?**

*All active monitored discharge locations should be sampled even if the discharge is comprised of stormwater only. Discharge monitoring locations with combined stormwater/wastewater discharges must be sampled during both dry weather conditions and during a valid storm event. Discharge monitoring locations that **only** discharge stormwater should be sampled during a valid storm event. A valid storm event is any precipitation that produces a stormwater discharge including discharges from snow melt events. The facility's NJPDES permit number along with the outfall number should be included in any results submitted to the Department. PFAS samples from each monitored discharge location should be taken at least 30 days apart.*

3. **What type of sample (grab vs. composite) should be collected? Is there a need to collect blanks along with the samples?**

All PFAS samples shall be collected as grab samples. The collection of field reagent blanks (collected along with samples) is required. These shall be collected in the same manner, quantity, and analyzed under the same conditions as is required by EPA Methods 537 and/or 537.1. Requirements noted within the EPA drinking water methods (EPA 537, 537.1) should be followed regarding collection of blanks. Any further questions regarding sampling should be directed to your certified laboratory.

4. **What are the minimum reporting limits or practical quantitation limits (PQL) for each of the 12 PFAS contaminants?**

PQLs are established by each laboratory certified by the Department's Office of Quality Assurance to conduct analysis of these compounds in non-potable water.

5. How do we provide the sampling data and what should the data include?

Enter the two samples for each monitored discharge location in the spreadsheet provided with the demand letter. Include lab information, dates for each sample, reporting limits and results for the 14 parameters for each monitored discharge location as indicated on the spreadsheet. The completed spreadsheet with lab sheets attached should be submitted to the Department at dwq_pretreatment@dep.nj.gov.

6. What units should the reporting limits and sampling results be submitted in?

The reporting limits and sampling results should be submitted in ng/l.

7. Who should I contact if I have any questions?

If there are any further questions, please direct them to dwq_pretreatment@dep.nj.gov.