

Montana Department of Environmental Quality – Water Protection Bureau

Construction Dewatering General Permit

Daily Log

Construction dewatering activities authorized under the Construction Dewatering General Permit (CDGP, MTG070000) must be monitored in accordance with the CDGP. The permittee is responsible for recording required data on a daily log -- either on the attached form (“Daily Log”) or a site-specific log that includes all the data required by the CDGP, either electronic or hardcopy.

Records, including the daily log, must be maintained for at least three (3) years and be available for inspection by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Permittees do not need to submit the logs to the DEQ unless requested.

In addition to the daily log, the permittee must submit completed Discharge Monitoring Reports (NetDMRs) to DEQ by the 28th of the month following each reporting month, as stated in the CDGP. **Monthly DMRs must be submitted until the Construction Dewatering authorization is terminated whether or not there is a discharge.**

Once dewatering is complete and the permittee determines that authorization to discharge under the CDGP is no longer required, they must submit a request for termination to DEQ. Based on this request, DEQ will terminate the permit authorization and the corresponding requirement to complete the daily log and monthly DMRs.

Specific Instructions for Daily Log:

If you did not dewater, or if you land applied and did not discharge to state surface water, indicate “no discharge” on the daily log.

Footnotes from Daily Log form:

- 1) Indicate yes for any visual observations of elevated turbidity, an oil sheen, or BMP failure. Visual observation of either parameter triggers the need for the permittee to take a grab sample for analysis; any of these observations triggers the need for the permittee to investigate the cause, address the problem, and if it cannot be immediately remedied to cease discharging.
- 2) If any turbidity or oil & grease off-site analysis is performed, the permittee is required to maintain records of the date the analysis was performed, the name or initials of the individual who performed the analysis, and what 40 CFR Part 136 analytical technique/method was used. For instance, EPA Method 180.2 is an acceptable method for turbidity, and EPA Method 1664A is an acceptable analysis for oil & grease.
- 3) Required only for Category A.2 (Dry Intermittent) and Category C (Real-time Demonstration).
- 4) For any visual observations or numeric turbidity exceedances or BMP failures, the permittee must follow their corrective action plan and include a summary of observations and follow-up actions on additional pages.

