An Abundant Harvest

A Harvest of Training Opportunities for Our User Communities

NetDMR Training for Regulatory Authorities – Office of Compliance (OC) DSIMB staff provided a webinar and on-line demonstration on Tuesday, September 29th to an estimated 40 attendees from 10 States and 2 Regions. Topics covered an illustration on how to create an account, managing access, approving signatory roles, reviewing copy of Record (COR) and networking activity. Common technical issues were discussed in detail, which included the steps the regulatory authorities will take to troubleshoot and resolve the issues. For more information contact Cathy Bius at bius.catherine@epa.gov or (214) 665-6456; Edward Voisin at Voisin.edward@epa.gov or (202) 564-1621; Nasrin Lescure at Lescure.nasrin@epa.gov or (202) 564-5013 or Rachiel P. Durant at durant.rachiel@epa.gov or (202) 564-4106.

ICIS-NPDES Mini-Webinar Sessions Offered by ICIS Customer Support in October

The first of four "Mini Sessions" offered by Office of Compliance's ICIS Customer Support Section for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) users during the month of October was held on Thursday, October 1, 2015. Topics included creating an ICIS facility interest, adding a permit, and entering compliance monitoring state inspections. Actual demonstrations were conducted and Power Point training materials were provided to the attendees.

The second "Mini Session" for the NPDES user community was held on October 8, 2015 and covered permit basic information and how to enter permit limits into ICIS. An actual permit was used for the demonstration which contained monthly and quarterly DMRs and seasonal limits.

The third "Mini Session" for the NPDES Community was held on Thursday, October 15th, 2015. Informal and formal enforcement actions, single events and how to link specific violations to an enforcement action were covered. This demonstration illustrated how linking a violations to a formal enforcement action changes the status of those violations to resolved pending.

The fourth "Mini Session" for the NPDES Community was held Thursday, October 29, 2015. The topics of Reportable Non-Compliance (RNC) detection and resolution for effluent, non-report and schedule violations were covered. A calculator was used by participants to determine a Technical Review Criteria (TRC) or Chronic Violation.

For more information on the above training sessions sponsored by ICIS Customer Support contact Cathy Bius at bius.catherine@epa.gov or (214) 665-6456, Edward Voisin at Voisin.edward@epa.gov or (202) 564-1621 or Rachiel Durant at durant.rachiel@epa.gov or (202) 564-4106.

ICIS Customer Support is available to provide users with one-on-one training sessions upon request. Send an email to icis@epa.gov or call (202) 564-7756 to have ICIS training customized to your special needs. Conference Calls and/or webinars are available to our user community. Online training modules are available 24 hours a day to take at your convenience as well. Take advantage of the online customer support training. Gain access at the following link https://icis.zendesk.com/forums under the title "training and education".

EPA Finalizes the eReporting Rule

On September 24, 2015 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a rule to modernize Clean Water Act reporting for municipalities, industries, and other facilities. The final rule will require regulated entities and state and federal regulators to use existing, available information technology to electronically report data required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program instead of filing written paper reports.

EPA estimates that, once the rule is fully implemented, the 46 states and the Virgin Islands Territory that are authorized to administer the NPDES program will collectively save approximately $22.6 million each year as a result of switching from paper to electronic reporting. The final rule will make facility-specific information, such as inspection and enforcement history, pollutant monitoring results, and other data required by NPDES permits accessible to the public through EPA's website.

"Electronic reporting will give the public full transparency into water pollution sources, save millions of dollars, and lead to better water quality in American communities," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "This rule will significantly reduce the burden and costs of paperwork, freeing up limited resources for states and other regulatory authorities to focus on the most serious water quality problems. After more than two years of working closely with states and a range of stakeholders, today we take a critical step to bring clean water protection into the modern age."

"ECOS is pleased to see a rule move ahead that modernizes how businesses, states, and the federal government interface and share information in the clean water program," said Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Executive Director and General Counsel of the Environmental Council of the States. "Our focus going forward with EPA and the impacted regulated community will be on smooth implementation of this rule, and on developing flexible approaches when needed."

The Clean Water Act requires that municipal, industrial or commercial facilities that discharge wastewater directly into waters of the United States obtain a permit. The NPDES program requires that permitted facilities monitor and report data on pollutant discharges and take other actions to ensure discharges do not affect human health or the environment. Currently, some facilities subject to these reporting requirements submit data in paper form to states and other regulatory authorities, where the information must be manually entered into data systems. Through the e-reporting rule, these facilities will electronically report data directly to the appropriate regulatory authority.

EPA proposed the e-reporting rule in July of 2013 with a public comment period. Since then, EPA has held more than 70 technical and individual meetings with states to review the electronic reporting provisions and to identify any issues requiring resolution. In addition, EPA held more than 50 webinars and meetings with over 1,200 stakeholders to discuss the rulemaking. EPA will continue collaborating with states as they enhance their electronic reporting capabilities to support the rule's implementation. Over the next few months, EPA will schedule trainings and outreach webinar sessions for states and regulated entities to provide an overview of the final rule, and the next steps for implementing electronic reporting.

In response to state feedback, the final rule provides authorized NPDES programs with more flexibility for implementation, providing more time for the transition from paper to electronic reporting and more flexibility in how they can grant electronic reporting waivers to facilities. Most facilities subject to effluent monitoring reporting requirements will be required to start submitting data electronically one year following the effective date of the final rule. A second phase will incorporate electronic reporting for other Clean Water Act reports such as performance status reports for municipal urban stormwater programs, controls on industrial discharges to local sewage treatment plants, and sewer overflows. Also in response to comments and suggestions from states, EPA is providing states with more time to electronically collect, manage, and share this data – up to five years instead of two years as initially proposed.

This rulemaking is part of EPA's Next Generation Compliance strategy, as well as the E-Enterprise for the Environment strategy with states and tribes, to take advantage of new tools and innovative approaches to increase compliance and reduce pollution. The shift toward electronic reporting in the NPDES program and others will help make environmental reporting more accurate, complete, and efficient. It will also help EPA and co-regulators better manage information, and improve effectiveness and transparency.

EPA published the final rule in the Federal Register on October 22, 2015. The final rule will be effective December 21, 2015. View the final rule at: http://www2.epa.gov/compliance/final-national-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-npdes-electronic-reporting-rule.

Key Implementation Dates

Key Milestones	Date
Final NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule – Effective Date	12/21/2015
Authorized NPDES programs will start incorporating the new electronic reporting requirements into new or re-issued NPDES permits upon the effective date of this final rule. Authorized NPDES programs can incorporate electronic reporting requirements into NPDES permits through use of a minor modification process [see 40 CFR 122.63(f)].	12/21/2015
A state, tribe, or territory that seeks authorization to implement an NPDES program must describe if it is requesting to be the initial recipient of electronic NPDES information from NPDES-regulated facilities for specific NPDES data groups. See 40 CFR 123.22(g) and appendix A to 40 CFR part 127.	3/21/2016
Authorized NPDES programs will decide the NPDES data groups for which they wish to be the initial recipient of electronic NPDES information from NPDES-regulated entities. The final rule uses an 'opt-out' approach so these authorized programs will need to provide notice to EPA if they wish for EPA to be the initial recipient for one or more of their NPDES data groups. These notices should be sent to EPA within 120 days of the effective date of the final rule.	4/19/2016
EPA will publish on its website and in the Federal Register a listing of the initial recipients for electronic NPDES information from NPDES-regulated entities by state, tribe, or territory and by NPDES data group. This listing will provide NPDES-regulated entities the initial recipient of their NPDES electronic data submissions and the due date for these NPDES electronic data submissions.	9/21/2016
Authorized NPDES programs will electronically transmit to EPA basic facility and permit information (see list of data elements in DCN 0007) for all permits as well as other data necessary for implementation of Phase 1 data collection within nine months after the effective date of the final rule. Authorized NPDES programs often collect these data from paper individual NPDES permit applications and forms submitted by NPDES regulated entities; however, some states collect these data from NPDES regulated entities through electronic reporting systems.	9/21/2016
One year after the effective date of the final rule, authorized NPDES programs will start sharing with EPA their state performance data, which includes information generated from compliance monitoring (e.g., inspections), violation determinations, and enforcement actions.	12/21/2016
EPA and authorized NPDES programs will begin electronically receiving DMRs from all DMR filers [40 CFR 122.41(l)(4)] and start sharing these data with the designated EPA and state NPDES data systems.	12/21/2016
All NPDES regulated entities in states where EPA is the authorized NPDES biosolids program (currently 42 of 50 states and all other tribal lands and territories) must electronically submit their Sewage Sludge/ Biosolids Annual Program Reports [40 CFR part 503] to EPA.	12/21/2016
Authorized NPDES programs will submit an IP to EPA for EPA's review to ensure that authorized NPDES programs will meet the Phase 2 electronic reporting deadline. The content of these plans must provide enough detail (e.g., tasks, milestones, roles and responsibilities, necessary resources) to ensure that EPA and authorized NPDES programs can work together to successfully implement electronic reporting. The IP will also document the process for evaluating and approving temporary and permanent electronic reporting waivers from NPDES regulated entities.	12/21/2016

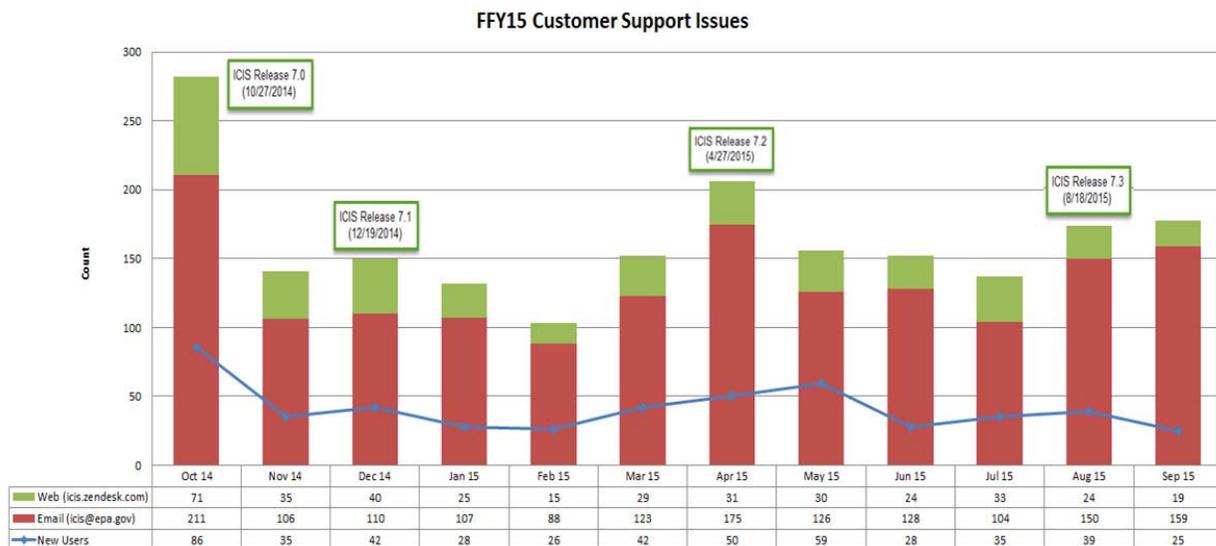|	
EPA will separately calculate the electronic reporting participation rate for each authorized NPDES program and for DMRs and the Sewage Sludge/Biosolids Annual Program Reports. EPA will assess the electronic reporting participation rate for individually permitted facilities separate from the electronic reporting participation rate for general permit covered facilities for DMRs.	6/21/2016
Per existing NPDES regulations [see 40 CFR 123.62(e)], authorized states, tribes, and territories will finish any necessary regulatory or statutory changes to their NPDES programs.	12/21/2017
Authorized NPDES programs will electronically transmit to EPA the data necessary for implementation of Phase 2 data collection (three months prior to Phase 2 deadline).	9/21/2020
NPDES regulated entities will start electronically submitting their Phase 2 data. This information includes: • General Permit Reports [Notices of Intent to discharge (NOIs); Notices of Termination (NOTs); No Exposure Certifications (NOEs); Low Erosivity Waivers or Other Waivers from Stormwater Controls (LEWs)] [40 CFR 122.26(b)(15), 122.28 and 124.5]; • Sewage Sludge/Biosolids Annual Program Reports [40 CFR part 503] – where the state is the authorized NPDES program; • Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Annual Program Reports [40 CFR 122.42(e)(4)]; • Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program Reports [40 CFR 122.34(g)(3) and 122.42(c)]; • Pretreatment Program Reports [40 CFR 403.12(i)]; • Significant Industrial User Compliance Reports in Municipalities Without Approved Pretreatment Programs [40 CFR 403.12(e) and (h)]; • Sewer Overflow/Bypass Event Reports [40 CFR 122.41(l)(4), (l)(6) and (7), (m)(3)]; and • CWA section 316(b) Annual Reports [40 CFR part 125, subpart J]	12/21/2020
Authorized NPDES programs will also need to re-submit their waiver process descriptions to EPA for review on a five year cycle. EPA will inform the state if its waiver process description is inadequate. This will allow EPA and authorized NPDES programs to assess the effectiveness of the waiver process against advances in information technology.	12/21/2020
EPA will separately calculate the electronic reporting participation rate for each authorized NPDES program and for each NPDES data group.	6/21/2021
Upon successful implementation of Phase 1 and 2, authorized NPDES programs will stop generating the Quarterly Non-Compliance Report (QNCR), the Annual Non-Compliance Report (ANCR), the Semi-Annual Statistical Summary Report, and the part 501 annual biosolids report.	12/21/2021
EPA will start publishing the NPDES Noncompliance Report (NNCR).	12/21/2021

ICIS Customer Support Portal Information for "Federal Fiscal Year" (FFY15)

For the past fiscal year, ICIS Customer Support has been utilizing a ticketing and knowledge-base management tool called Zendesk. ICIS Customer Support has pioneered the way for utilization of Zendesk for other data systems and programs. In addition to ICIS, other Customer Support services such as NetDMR, MSGP, and ECHO are currently using Zendesk for their support ticketing management needs. With the implementation of the eReporting Rule, it is anticipated that more services will adopt Zendesk as well, like NeT CAFO and Stormwater.

Below is a chart that shows a snapshot of ICIS Customer Support activities for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 (FFY15). With an average of 163 issues per month, we see that spikes in ticket submissions are usually correlated with major ICIS system events. Each month is also broken out by the type of issue submission. ICIS users can submit their questions/issues either by email at icis@epa.gov or by web through our ICIS Customer Support web portal located at https://icis.zendesk.com (which accounts for roughly 19% of all submissions). Throughout FFY15 we had steady usage of Zendesk with an average number of 41 new users each month. Zendesk has registered a total of 842 users since its inception. An interesting tidbit, for FFY15, the top 5 users with the most number of ticket submissions accounted for roughly 15% of all FFY15 ticket submissions.

In addition to managing our Customer Support tickets, Zendesk is used to host and present to our users a knowledge-base of articles, announcements, and training material to assist you in finding a resolution to your question/issue. We currently have 658 different Articles available. The majority of which are Document, Guides, and Forms.
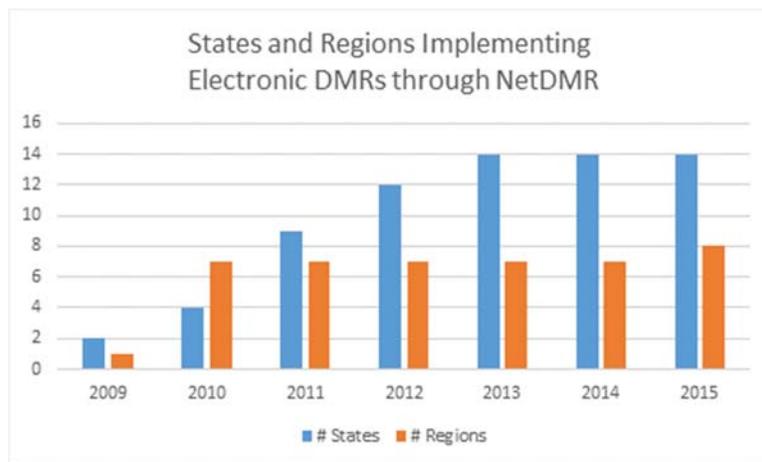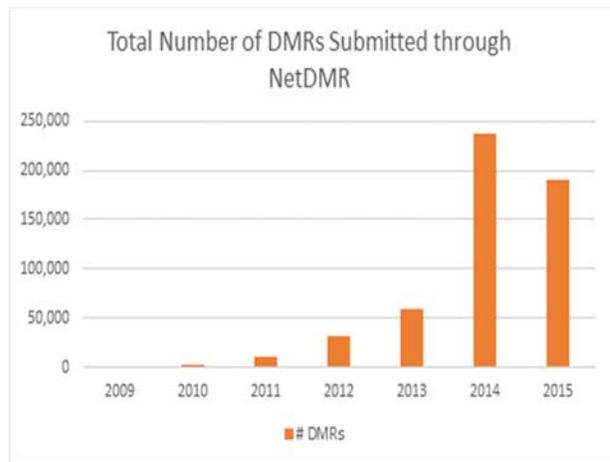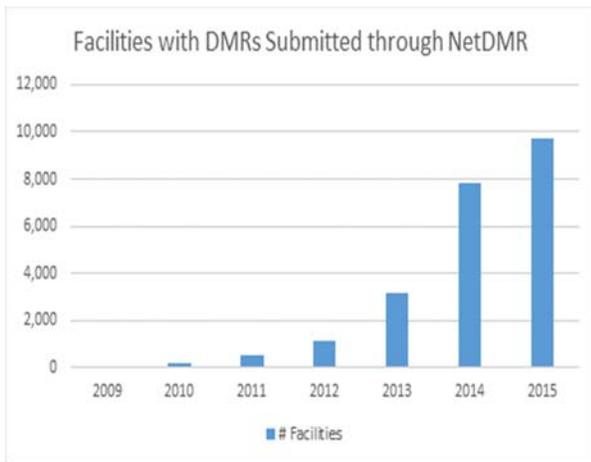
Utilization of Zendesk has afforded us a greater efficiency in how we manage our customer's issues. It affords the users greater flexibility in reporting and receiving ICIS support. The Zendesk web portal is available to our users 24/7, and can even be accessed from tablets or smartphones. Zendesk has been a success for FFY15 and our continued improvements in Zendesk and our customer support processes should only strengthen and grow that success for FFY16.

FFY15 Customer Support Issues

	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15
Web (icis.zendesk.com)	71	35	40	25	15	29	31	30	24	33	24	19
Email (icis@epa.gov)	211	106	110	107	88	123	175	126	128	104	150	159
New Users	86	35	42	28	26	42	50	59	28	35	39	25

NetDMR deployed to production on June 22, 2009. In calendar year 2009, 21 facilities joined NetDMR and 155 DMRs were submitted. The first Copy of Record (COR) was generated by Region I. As of July 2015 a total of 9,730 facilities and 191,258 DMRs were submitted into NetDMR production. Currently, EPA regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and VIII along with the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, South Dakota, Tennessee and Utah are using the National NetDMR system.   Assuming this current trend continues the count could double in the near future. Contact Nasrin Lescure at (202) 564-5013 or Lescure.nasrin@epa.gov or further information.

Facilities with DMRs Submitted through NetDMR

Total Number of DMRs Submitted through NetDMR

States and Regions Implementing Electronic DMRs through NetDMR

Congratulations to the Commonwealth of Virginia on the approval of their NPDES CROMERR Application

Three New ICIS Reports

1. The **Enforcement Actions with Linked Violations Report** has been modified.

   * On the "Formal EA's" report tab Government Contact Information has been added.

   * The "Formal EA's with Linked Violations" and "Informal EA's with Linked Violations" report tabs will now only display those enforcement actions with Linked Violations.

   For those users who run this report and have a large amount of data, you may get an error message referring to the report passing too many values. If you get this error message then you will have to run the "**Enforcement Actions with Linked Violations Report (Alternative)".** This report is the same except the "Formal EA's with Linked Violations" and "Informal EA's with Linked Violations" report tabs will show all enforcement actions with and without linked violations. If there are violations then the facility information will be highlighted in "red".

2. The "**First Time Issued Permits Report**" has been modified.

   A summary report tab has been added to the report and gives a count of permits by permit type and current major/minor status for each state by region.

3. The "**QNCR Coordinators with Detailed NODI**" report has been modified to allow selecting of facilities by State Region.

Data Quality Report (DQR)—Direct and Preventative Environmental Benefits"

A new report: "DQR - Direct and Preventative Environmental Benefits" has been posted in the Federal Enforcement and Compliance Reports / Data Quality Reports folder. This report can be used to identify cases/amounts with potential environmental benefit issues. The following types of cases/amounts can be reviewed:

- Top direct cases

- CSO and SSO amounts,

- Air toxic amounts,

- Toxic substance/material amounts,

- Volume of oil spills prevented cases,

- Hazardous waste amounts,

- No national metric amounts, and

- Lodged cases/amounts.

For further information regarding the DQR Reports contact David Sprague at Sprague.David@epa.gov or at (202)564-4103 or Gwen Wayne at Wayne.Gwen@epa.gov or at (202)-564-2499.

"Notices of Arrival" (NOA) in ICIS

For Regional ICIS FE&C Coordinators:

EPA regulates the importation of pesticides into the United States to ensure that only compliant products enter into the U.S. marketplace. Upon discovering a violation, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) provides EPA with a wide range of formal and informal enforcement options, including "import entry denials." FIFRA section 17(c) authorizes the EPA to refuse admission of any pesticides or device into the US if it determines the pesticide or device violates any provision of the Act. EPA may deny entry of a pesticide or device by refusing to accept the Notice of Arrival (NOA) of Pesticides and Devices (NOA) and issue, as a final agency action, a Notice of Refusal of Admission (NORA). The United States Customs and Border Protection will deny entry for any shipment which EPA has not accepted.

This NORA action is a final agency action and should be recorded in ICIS as an administrative compliance order along with the environmental benefits resulting from this enforcement action.

In ICIS, the Import Entry Denial (non-penalty action) should be recorded as follows:

Final Order Type: Administrative Compliance Order (ACO)

Enforcement Action Type: FIFRA 17(c) Importation

Enforcement Action Type Code: 17©

Under the updated 2014 CCDS guidance, the NORA enforcement action involving the actual shipment being denied entry falls under the environmental benefits category "Reduction of On-going Releases" where the action results in the reduction or elimination of a release of pollutant(s) into the environment. The pesticide complying action for this particular action is entitled "Import Pesticide Returned to Foreign Origin."

In many cases, you may be able to document that your initial entry denial also resulted in a "Prevention of Future Releases" environmental benefit if the complying action taken has a direct impact on future anticipated shipments coming into the US of the same product. If so, you may annualize the 1-year production and count that quantity as "Prevention of Future Releases." However, since annualized production data would be considered FIFRA CBI, this preventive quantity cannot be entered directly into ICIS but must be submitted at the end of the year in the region's Select Measures Workbook.

Regions need to complete ICIS data entry as soon as possible. The national deadline for data entry was October 15, 2015 with the data certification due on October 2015.

During the upcoming bi-monthly call with regional FIFRA enforcement managers, OCE will discuss the current regional practice for refusing import entries and clarify the procedures regional enforcement personnel should use in processing NOAs for imported pesticides submitted pursuant to FIFRA.

Contact Yolaanda Walker for further information at walker.yolaanda@epa.gov or (202) 564-4281.

Revised Hazardous & Non-Hazardous Waste Measure

As of FY2016, a revised hazardous & non-hazardous waste measure will be implemented in ICIS Production. Changes to the ICIS Production environment will not be made during the current FY15 end-of-year data certification period, which extends into the 1st Qtr. of the FY2016 reporting period. The changes are scheduled to be implemented in ICIS Production on November 1, 2015. In the interim, **please do not enter FY2016 RCRA hazardous and non-hazardous waste complying action or environmental benefits data** (including the CERCLA "Waste Containment" complying action) in the system. All other FY2016 environmental benefits data for the other media programs may be entered beginning October 1, 2015.

Additional Information

The new GPRA reporting measure, **"Estimated Hazardous and Non-hazardous Waste Treated, Minimized or Properly Disposed of (pounds)"** will count results from enforcement cases that address hazardous and non-hazardous waste that is not comingled with soil or groundwater. (Note: RCRA non-hazardous waste amounts were previously counted in the "Estimated Toxics and Pesticides Reduced, Treated, or Eliminated (pounds)" metric).

- The **"Estimated Toxics and Pesticides Reduced, Treated, or Eliminated (pounds)"** metric will now _**only**_ capture FIFRA pesticide products and toxic materials/substances addressed under TSCA.

- The existing reporting metric, **"Hazardous Waste Treated, Minimized or Properly Disposed of (pounds)"** will continue to display on reports for environmental benefits data entered in ICIS prior to FY 2016.

- Existing complying action names for entering hazardous and non-hazardous waste data prior to FY 2016 will be deactivated. Slightly revised hazardous and non-hazardous complying action names will be activated beginning November 1, 2015.

For further information contact Donna Inman at inman.donna@epa.gov or (202) 564-2551 or David Sprague at Sprague.david@epa.gov or (202) 564-4103.

LEAN Process Sets New Standard End-of-Year Reporting Date

Beginning in FY 2015, the end-of-year certification date will be October 20 of each fiscal year. If October 20 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the certification date will be the following Monday.

For FY 2015, the end-of year certification date will occur on **Tuesday, October 20, 2015.** The FY 2015 Reporting Plan originally stated the certification date would occur on October 22, 2015. Therefore, **for FY 2015 reporting, the Office of Compliance will honor certifications received thru October 22, 2015.**

Contact Sara Ager at ager.sara@epa.gov or at (202) 564-7968 for further information.

Mark Your Calendar

Dates for Regularly Scheduled ICIS Conference Calls

ICIS-NPDES Conference Calls are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month and the future calls are scheduled for:

November 26, 2015	March 24, 2016	July 28, 2016
December 24, 2015	April 28, 2016	August 25, 2016
January 28, 2016	May 26, 2016	September 29, 2016
February 25, 2016	June 23, 2016	

ICIS-Air Conference Calls are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month and the future calls are scheduled for:

November 25, 2015	March 23, 2016	July 27, 2016
December 23, 2015	April 27, 2016	August 24, 2016
January 27, 2016	May 25, 2016	September 28, 2016
February 24, 2016	June 22, 2016	

ICIS FE&C Calls are scheduled Bi-Monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month and the future calls are scheduled for :

November 12, 2015	March 10, 2016	July 14, 2016
January 14, 2016	May 12, 2016	September 8, 2016

Sys Admins Calls are scheduled quarterly for:

November 19, 2016	February 18, 2016	May 19, 2016	August 18, 2016

NetDMR Calls are scheduled as needed and announcements are provided prior to the call.

The Conference Call-in Information for the above calls is 1-866-918-0772 Conference ID 853-701-2121#

Note: A joint user conference call will be held in the future with the ICIS FE&C Regional Contacts and the RCRAInfo Regional Contacts to discuss details of the upcoming exchange of activities.

Unless otherwise notified, the End-of-Year Certification Dates for future fiscal years will be as follows:

FY 2016 – Thursday, October 20, 2016
FY 2017 – Friday, October 20, 2017
FY 2018 – Monday, October 22, 2018
FY 2019 – Monday, October 21, 2019
FY 2020 - Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Planting Seeds to Cultivate Progress

The Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS) will soon be sending Federal RCRA Compliance Monitoring activities electronically to RCRAInfo. RCRAInfo is the programmatic database for the national Hazardous Waste program. Currently Federal Inspections have to be entered into both ICIS FE&C and into RCRAInfo. In order to avoid this duplication of effort, the ICIS Team has been developing a new automated process that will send Compliance Monitoring activities from ICIS to RCRAInfo. Additional benefit, later when the Inspector Field Entry System, Smart Tools, is available, RCRA Compliance Monitoring activities will be sent to ICIS and then on to RCRAInfo. A joint user conference call will be held in the future with the ICIS FE&C Regional Contacts and the RCRAInfo Regional Contacts to discuss details of the upcoming exchange of activities.

The ICIS>RCRAInfo Data Exchange will run each night and will transfer the previous days transactions without any additional interaction needed. There are several other criteria that need to be considered for determining which activities will be selected to be processed by the exchange. Below is a summary of those criteria.

The Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS) creates XML formatted transactions and submits them through Electronic Data Transfer (EDT) submissions via EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX). The ICIS to RCRAInfo Exchange is expected to be in Production sometime this Fall. Additional questions should be addressed to ICIS Customer Support. Contact Michael Mundell at Mundell.michael@epa.gov or at (202) 564-7069 for further information.

ICIS>RCRAInfo Data Exchange Selection Criteria
Compliance Monitoring Created Date/Time is greater than the last successful push date/time for the State
The Compliance Monitoring Activity is linked to at least one RCRAInfo Facility Interest
Compliance Monitoring Activity Type is Inspection/Evaluation, Investigation, Offsite Record Review or Information Request
The ICIS Compliance Monitoring Type is mapped to one of the RCRAInfo Evaluation Types (See additional documentation in Zendesk)
Compliance Monitoring Activity is actual and not planned
Region Code is not Washington Headquarters
At least one Compliance Monitoring Agency Type Code is U.S. EPA, EPA Contractor, or Regional

EDT Progress in the ICIS-Air Community

ICIS-Air EDT Status

Agencies who planned to electronically submit their data to ICIS-Air have been working diligently since October 2014 to develop their ICIS-Air data flows. During the AFS Modernization Project, each state and local agency was asked how they planned to enter data into ICIS-Air once it went into production. At that time 31 agencies were planning to use electronic data transfer (EDT) to submit their data within a year of ICIS-Air going into production, which occurred on October 27, 2014. To date there are 27 agencies using EDT-24 state agencies and 3 local agencies. The ICIS-Air EDT team continues to work closely with the remaining four agencies through weekly EDT implementation conference calls to ensure all of their questions and concerns are being addressed in a timely fashion. It is anticipated that the remaining agencies will be able to begin flowing their ICIS-Air data by the end of the calendar year. Contact Michelle Torreano at Torreano.michelle@epa.gov or at (202) 566-2141 for further information.
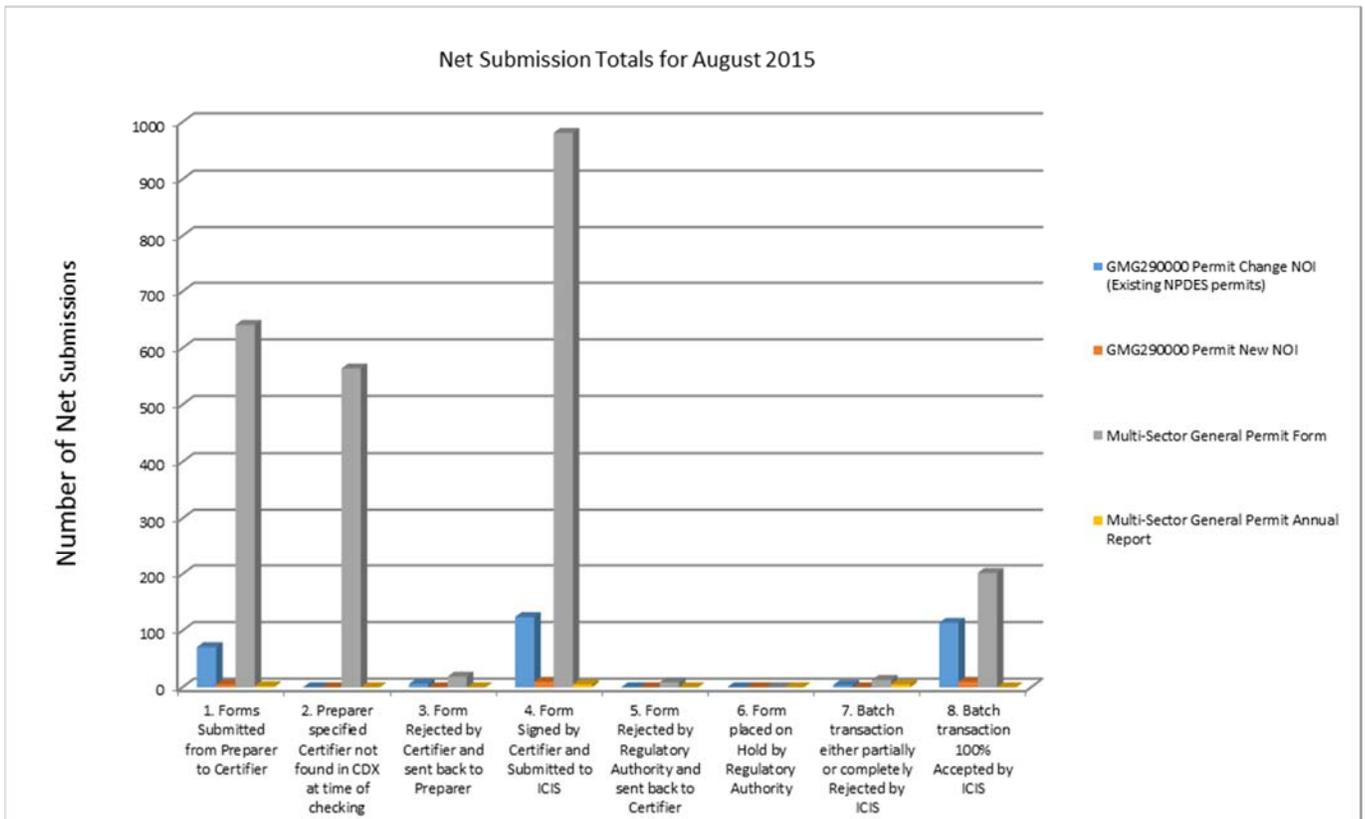
New ECHO Features

Between major releases, the Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) website receives minor enhancements and bug fixes, described on the What's New page. Recent enhancements include:
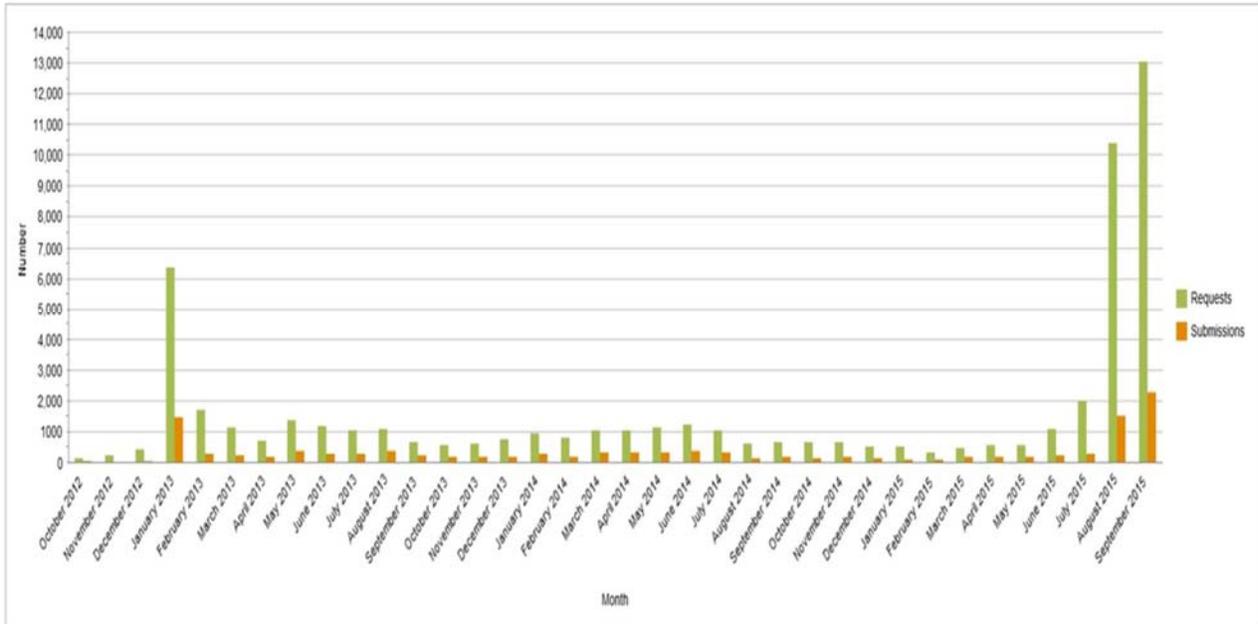
- An Excel download of facility search results.   This was added to provide user-requested formatting that isn't possible in the (CSV) file and is limited to 10,000 records

- On the Water facility search:
    - Search for facilities that have had a specific pollutant in violation under the Clean Water Act.
    - Find facilities that discharge pollutants potentially contributing to a waterbody impairment.
    - Add information on annual pollutant loading amounts to Water search results.

- All facility searches now allow users the ability to search for facilities by partial program ID numbers.

- Search for facilities that have never been inspected/evaluated (according to our data systems/ under the Clean Air Act, Clean Waer Act, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Please select the "Contact Us" link at the top right of ECHO pages if you have questions or contact Rebecca Kane at kane.rebecca@epa.gov..
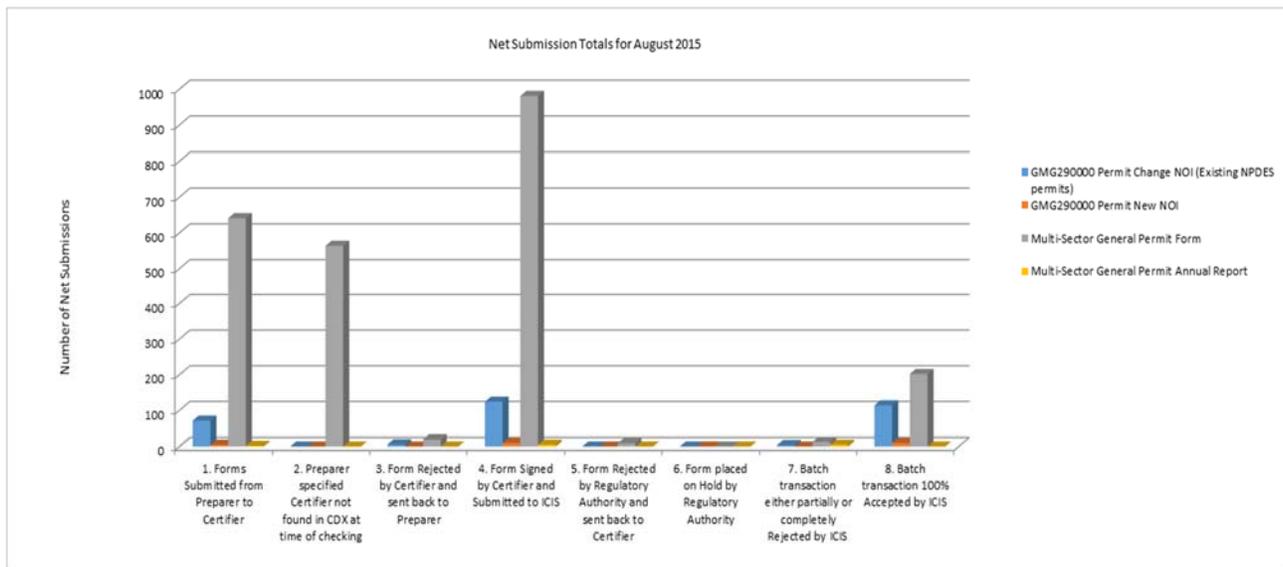

Net Submission Totals for August 2015

The below NPDES eReporting tool graphic exhibits request/submissions counts retrieved from the NeT portal by month. The below graph shows the initial GMG spike in January 2013 followed by another increase in 2015 due to MSGP

The below graphic exhibits the ICIS Monthly Statistics, ICIS Electronic Data Transfer and NeT Production Monthly ICIS Statistics for August 2015.

Best Wishes on Your Retirement Lucy Reed

Lucy Reed serves as the Deputy Director for the Enforcement Targeting and Data Division (ETDD), Office of Compliance (OC) in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA).
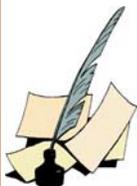
Throughout her distinguished career of 33+ years Lucy Reed's leadership has led to major accomplishments in modernizing the way EPA manages data that supports the Clean Water Act's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting and enforcement programs on a national level. She has led the Agency's efforts in pursuing innovative technologies and solutions that have resulted in significant resource savings for EPA, states, and the regulated community. Prior to her accepting the position as Deputy Director of (ETDD) Lucy served as the Branch Chief of the Data Systems and Information Management Branch (DSIMB) and many other positions as well.

As she moves on to the **"Sweet Life"** of Retirement she will be missed by all of her fellow co-workers from EPA Headquarters, Regions and States. Thank you Lucy Reed for a career well served, colleagues supported, data collected, information produced, budget defended and results achieved for the nation, it's people and the environment.

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A Note from the Editor

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