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Announcement: Alteration of the Notification Condition for Hydrostatic Test Water General Permit OHH000003

The current General NPDES Permit covering the discharge of hydrostatic test waters requires the General Permit Holder to notify the Ohio EPA at least 14 days prior to commencing discharge. The purpose of this notification period is to provide Ohio EPA personnel enough time to plan to be onsite to witness the discharge should the agency decide to do so. However, the Ohio EPA recognizes that due to the regulated community's standard operating procedures concerning hydrostatic testing, notification at least 14 days prior to a specific discharge site presents a challenge for General Permit Holders.

In lieu of the current General Permit notification requirements, General Permit Holders shall notify the Ohio EPA of the general location of a discharge of hydrostatic test waters at least 14 days before discharge, and then notify the Ohio EPA of the specific location of the discharge at least 72 hours before the discharge occurs. Notification of the general location of a discharge shall include the county or township; the notification of the specific location shall include updated latitude and longitude coordinates. This updated notification schedule will still allow Ohio EPA the opportunity to be present onsite to witness the discharge of hydrostatic test waters without placing undue burden on the permittee. If you have questions regarding the General Permit, please contact Nick McGovern at (614) 644-2146 or nicholas.mcgovern@epa.ohio.gov.