

Disinfection Related Questions:

- Q) If a District or a Community encounters a situation where they are not able to get the necessary quantity of disinfection chemicals for both the water and wastewater treatment facilities, what is the prioritization for use of these chemicals between wastewater and drinking water facilities?

Ans) Drinking water treatment facilities will have priority over the use of these disinfection chemicals.

Operational Related Questions:

- Q) If a District or a Community encounters a situation where they are not able to accomplish the requirements of their discharge permit, what are they supposed to do?

Ans) Contact their inspector and follow the guidance established in the EPA documents dated March 26 & 31, 2020 and the Maine DEP guidance dated March 24, 2020 to assist in how to report to the DEP and EPA that this situation has occurred. Documents can be found on the DEP's website using the link below.

<https://www.maine.gov/dep/coronavirus.html>

Testing / Monitoring Related Questions:

- Q) Do wastewater treatment facilities that are scheduled to participate in the EPA's DMRQA program still have to participate in that program this year?

Ans) Last week we received an update from EPA regarding DMR-QA study 40. While the exact dates for the study have not been finalized there is some information we wanted to pass along:

If you have already tested, DEP will accept:

- 1) Results for DMR-QA studies that were tested on or after March 20th, 2020 will be accepted
- 2) Results for WP studies that were tested on or after January 1st, 2020 will be accepted (provided they were tested before the DMR-QA 40 close date. This has not been announced but is expected to be sometime in the fall of 2020)

We will notify you as soon as EPA sends out the DMR-QA announcement with the modified study dates.

Please let us know if you anticipate having problems completing the DMR-QA study this year. We understand these are unprecedented times and appreciate your hard work and dedication.