


WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COVID-19 Impacts on DNR

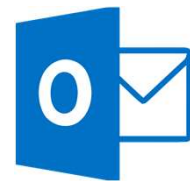
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General Operation

- Working from home
- Electronic communication – request emailed copies of reports
- No in-person meetings
- Staff Vacancies
 - NOR Compliance Staff
 - Industrial/Municipal Plan Review



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Compliance

- All conditions and requirements of WPDES permits would still be followed, BUT
- Temporary Compliance Assistance
- 55 Requests, 2 withdrawn, 4 denied

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
COVID-19 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PROCESS

EMERGENCIES
Contact the DNR immediately if there is an **imminent or actual danger or threat** to human health or the environment.
Call 1-800-943-0003 - select #1
As part of DNR's response, staff will initiate a request for compliance assistance, where applicable, once the threat is addressed.

NON-EMERGENCIES
If there is no threat or danger, request Pre-Approval for Compliance Assistance:

FIRST | Email DNR point-of-contact to submit a request.

IF | If a confirmed DNR contact is not established...

THEN | Submit DNR's online form: www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/WENR/CompAssist

The DNR will evaluate requests on a case-by-case basis.

The DNR will work as quickly as possible on a solution in response to the compliance assistance request.
Do not implement alternative methods until receiving DNR written approval.

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Operator Certification

- In Person Exams
 - May, August, & November Cancelled
 - Small groups for Urgent Needs
- Continuing Education Credits
 - Previously suspended ch. NR 114 Wis. Adm. Code requirements for renewal and CEU deadlines
 - November 1, 2020 – return to normal
 - Visit our Op Cert Training Page



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Inspections

- Virtual Aspect to Inspections
- 167 Inspections Performed in 2020
 - 2019 - 239 inspections
 - 2018 - 276 inspections
- 24 Pretreatment Inspections
- 3 POTW Pretreatment Audits



Courtesy of Fort Atkinson WWTP

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