

NPDES Permit Writers' Clearinghouse: One-Stop Shop of Resources for States

Overview for State Permit Writers

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the NPDES Permit Writers' Clearinghouse. At the top right, there are links for "Login" and "Create Account". The main header features the title "NPDES Permit Writers' Clearinghouse" in white text on a dark blue background. Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: "Home", "About", "Resources", "Map", "Training Materials", and "Submit Feedback or Resource". A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation menu, containing the text "Search..." and a magnifying glass icon. The main content area features a large background image of water flowing from a pipe into a rocky stream. Overlaid on this image are two white icons: a document icon for "Search Resources" and a location pin icon for "Map Search".

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ABOUT THE NPDES PERMIT WRITERS' CLEARINGHOUSE

- The NPDES Permit Writers' Clearinghouse is a tool that was requested by states, endorsed by the Regions, and developed by the Office of Wastewater Management.
- The Clearinghouse is an easily navigable web-based portal to help permit writers locate information and resources.
- The Clearinghouse will be populated with resources largely submitted by EPA Regions and States on a voluntary basis.
- The Clearinghouse is a library of website links – no documents or other resources can be uploaded, only weblinks.
- Resources are “tagged” with categories and keywords to promote robust searches.
- Can be accessed at: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/permit-writers-clearinghouse>

CLEARINGHOUSE RESOURCES

State permit writers can submit a wide range of resources of interest to other NPDES permitting authorities and practitioners:

- Policies and guidances
- Calculators
- Example permits and fact sheets
- Models
- Case Studies
- Information on complex permits and unique permitting issues
- Training
- Regulations
- Responses to comments
- Templates
- Databases
- Resources to train new permit writers

CONTRIBUTING TO THE CLEARINGHOUSE

- States are invited to contribute resources to the Clearinghouse, immediately.
- While anyone can suggest or search for resources, we encourage users to register on the Clearinghouse site.
- **Registered users can:**
 - Suggest additions of new resources
 - Suggest edits to existing information in the Clearinghouse
 - Suggest removal of resources
 - Favorite resources for quick access at any time
 - Subscribe to receive email updates for new/additions/edits to specific filter options

CONTRIBUTING TO THE CLEARINGHOUSE

Contributors should also consider if the resource:

- ☑ Is from their state
- ☑ Is unique, innovative, and/or illustrative of a particular program area
- ☑ Is already available to the public on the web

Contributors also provide -

- Tags to filter the resource by the appropriate categories including:
 - Dischargers
 - Pollutants
 - NPDES permit development topics (e.g., monitoring, WQBELs, BMPs)
 - Geographic area
- A two- or three-sentence description of the resource
- A web URL for the resource

SEARCHING FOR RESOURCES

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Home About Resources **Map** Training Materials Submit Feedback or Resource Search...

Search by Map

- National
- EPA Region**
 - EPA Region 1
 - EPA Region 2
 - EPA Region 3
 - EPA Region 4
 - EPA Region 5
 - EPA Region 6
 - EPA Region 7
 - EPA Region 8
 - EPA Region 9
 - EPA Region 10
- Tribes
- Territories
- International



South Carolina

Users can use the Map tab to narrow down resources.

Selecting a state or region will return resources from those geographic locations

Selecting tribes or territories will return all tribal or territory based resources.

SEARCHING FOR RESOURCES

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Resource Search Results: Apply search filters below to narrow your resources

Dischargers Pollutants Permit Development Special Topics Resource Types Author Geographic Area Dates

All Industrial
 Non-Process Water
 Process Water
 Indirect Dischargers
 All Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)
 Lagoon
 Mechanical
 Pretreatment Programs
 All Stormwater
 Construction
 Industrial
 Municipal - Phase I MS4
 Municipal - Phase II MS4

Aquaculture
 Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)
 Drinking Water Treatment
 Forest Roads
 Mining
 Pesticide Applicators
 Septic/Onsite Systems
 Other Discharger Type

Apply Filters

CLOSE X

Categories hold filters that allow users to tailor each search to their topic of interest

Filters can be selected and applied during searches to narrow down results

SEARCHING FOR RESOURCES

Resource Search Results: There are 6 resources that have ALL selected filters applied

Filters Pretreatment Programs X EPA X Remove all Filters X

 Pollutants
  Permit Development
  Special Topics
  Resource Types
  Author
  Geographic Area

Search

1. Primary Report

Actions

Export Your Results

Rows 50

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Tags and keywords can be used in a search to narrow down results

Links take the user directly to the resource webpage

	Resource Title	Author ↑	Description	Resource Type	Year	Modified Date	Keywords
☆ 🕒 🔍	Best Practices for NPDES Permit Writers & Pretreatment Coordinators to Address Toxic & Hazardous Chemical Discharges to POTWs	EPA	Describes best practices under three statutes - RCRA, EPCRA, and CWA - for NPDES permit writers and pretreatment coordinators to address toxic and hazardous chemical discharges to POTWs.	Policies and Guidance	2016		National,Priority Pollutants:Toxics:Ammonia:Inorganics:Metals:Effluent Toxicity (WET),Indirect Dischargers:Programs,Influent Data,Policies and Guidance,Reporting Requirements:Ambient Monitoring:Methods:Facility/System Monitoring:Laboratory Certification/Accreditation:Monitoring Guidance:Reporting:Sampling Procedures:Wet (WET) Testing
☆ 🕒 🔍	POTW Pretreatment Considerations and Permitting Programs for Hauled Waste - Webinar	EPA	The pretreatment regulations prohibit any trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the POTW. This webinar discusses POTW considerations prior to accepting hauled waste and how a POTW can develop a permitting program to regulate this type of waste.	Trainings/Webinars/Online Course	2012		National,Indirect Dischargers:Pretreatment Programs,Influent Data,Trainings/Webinars/Online Course,EPA
☆ 🕒 🔍	Introduction to the National Pretreatment Program	EPA	Provides overview of National Pretreatment Program requirements and refers reader to more detailed EPA guidance on specific program elements.	Policies and Guidance	2011		National,Conventionals:Biochemical Oxygen Demand:Total Suspended Solids:pH:Oil and Grease:Fecal Indicator Bacteria:Nonconventionals:Nutrients:Sediment:Temperature:Priority Pollutants:Toxics:Ammonia:Inorganics:Metals:Organic Indicat

General information about the resources is provided in the search results

NEXT STEPS

Please visit the Clearinghouse site at:

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/permit-writers-clearinghouse>

Permit writers are encouraged to register as contributors to begin contributing and searching for resources.

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