

2015 MSGP Monitoring Guidance for Discharges into Impaired Waters – Parameters and Methods

Part 6.2.4 of the 2015 MSGP specifies requirements for Operators that discharge stormwater to certain impaired waters, including monitoring all pollutants for which the waterbody is impaired and for which a standard analytical method exists. Furthermore, where a pollutant for which a waterbody is impaired is expressed in the form of an indicator or surrogate rather than the pollutant itself, monitoring must include that indicator or surrogate. Receiving waters, impairment status, and related pollutant(s) of concern with and without completed total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) were populated on your eNOI based on latitude and longitude provided for each outfall. This impaired waters information is available from the most recent approved "305(b) Report/303(d) List" published by the [Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection](#) and the [New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services](#).

Discharges to Impaired Waters without an EPA Approved TMDL

To assist Operators authorized by the 2015 MSGP refine the monitoring requirements included in Part 6.2.4, EPA New England has published *U.S. EPA 2015 MultiSector General Permit Monitoring Guidance for Discharges into Impaired Waters (Part 6.2.4) Parameters and Methods* (July 2017). The guidance identifies the parameter(s) (including analytical method number(s)) for which the Operator must analyze in its stormwater that discharges to impaired waters without an approved TMDL. Separate guidance has been web-posted for Operators discharging in the states of:

Massachusetts:

<https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/assets/pdfs/msgp-2015-part-624-parameters-ma.pdf>

New Hampshire:

<https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/assets/pdfs/msgp-2015-part-624-parameters-nh.pdf>

Discharges to Impaired Waters with an EPA Approved TMDL

For those Operators generating regulated stormwater that discharges into an impaired water for which there is an EPA-approved or established TMDL, you are not required to monitor for the pollutant(s) for which the TMDL was written unless EPA informs you, upon examination of the applicable TMDL and its wasteload allocation, that you are subject to such a requirement consistent with the assumptions and requirements of the applicable TMDL and its wasteload allocation. EPA's notice will include specifications on monitoring parameters and frequency. Permittees must consult EPA Region 1 for guidance regarding required monitoring under this Part.