

Water Protection Program & Permitting Update

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Permitting Update

Staff Changes

- Operating Permits Section Chief - TBD
 - Holding interviews later this month
 - Hope to have the position filled in October

Permitting

- eReporting
- Required DMRs to reported electronically by December 21, 2016
 - Department requested that all “Major” permittees submit eDMR applications prior to December 21, 2016.
 - All renewal applications will require an eDMR application to be considered complete.

Permitting

- eReporting
- By December 21, 2020, certain program reports and permit applications will need to be submitted electronically.
- This will require significant upgrades to eDMR, MoCWIS and ePermitting.

Permitting

- eReporting
 - 45% of all facilities reporting DMRs electronically
 - Training is available.
 - Renewal applications require the submittal of a participation packet.
 - Waivers are possible in areas of limited broadband internet access or due to religious opposition to technology.

Permitting

- Backlog
 - Consists of permits that are expired for which the department has received applications.
 - In February 2017, the backlog was 1,793 permits.
 - As of July 2017, the backlog was 842 permits.
 - That's a 53 percent reduction!

Permitting

- Incomplete Applications
 - Policy Changes
 - Permit writer will call the applicant to discuss application deficiencies as the initial contact.
 - If not addressed, the permit writer will follow up with an email.
 - If still not addressed, the permit writer will then follow up with a letter.
 - If after these three contacts the application is still incomplete, the application will go through a denial process.

Permitting

- Long-Expired Permits
 - Permit writers have been directed to resolve issues surrounding long-expired permits.
 - Resolutions will incorporate reasonable permit requirements that are protective of water quality.

Permitting

- Form Updates
 - Form E – Application for General Permits
 - Form H and J – Application for permit termination
 - No Exposure Certification
 - Updates will focus on requiring the applicant to make a full and complete disclosure to speed up the review process.

Permitting

- General Permits for Stormwater Modification
 - Removes regular sampling requirements
 - Focus is on permittees ensuring BMPs are maintained to meet benchmarks, SWPPPs are kept up to date, and BMPs are improved when necessary.
 - The permit action is still in process but targeted for issuance this fall.

Multiple Discharger Variance for Ammonia

- MDV framework will be finalized this month.
- Multi-cell, facultative publicly owned lagoons
- If CAFCOM analysis shows widespread social and economic impact the permit is held for consideration under the MDV.
- It is important for communities to provide complete financial information.



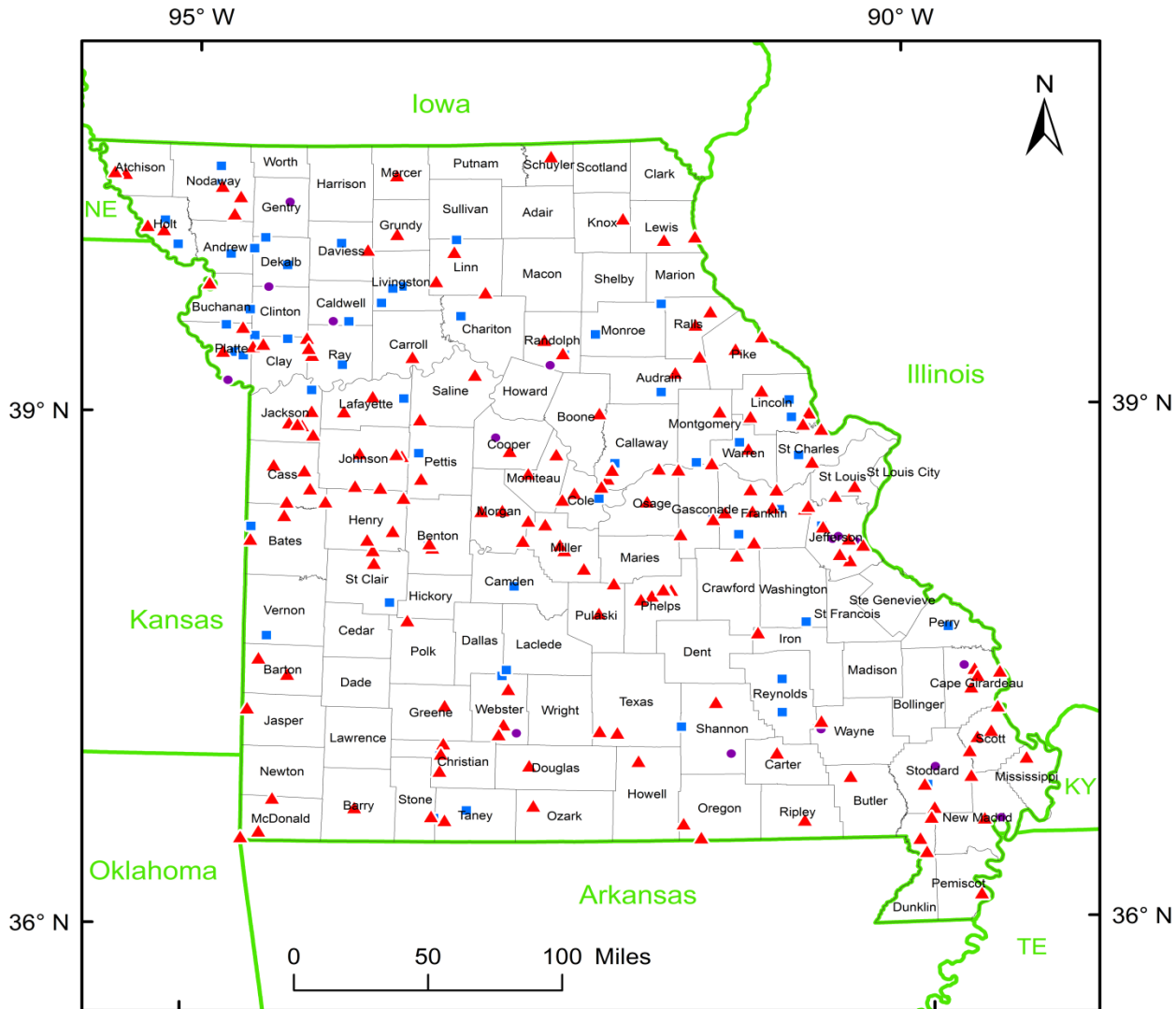
2016 Annual Report on Affordability Findings (RSMo 644.145)

Legend

- ▲ Findings Issued in 2016: 190
- Findings Issued in 2015: 77
- Findings Issued in 2014: 17
- Counties
- ▭ States

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WPP Update

Upcoming Clean Water Commission Meetings

- October 4
Hearings: IUP, Kirksville Variance, Red Tape Reduction, 2018 303d List and 2020 Listing Methodology
- November 6
IUP Adoption
- December 6
WQS Rule Hearing

Clean Water Forums

- Similar format to the past
- Seeking input on how to improve the meetings
- November 8
 - Data Management Presentation
 - Continuing Authority Presentation
 - Other Items to be determined

Focus on Core Functions

- Permitting
- Inspection
- Compliance Assistance
- Enforcement

Enforcement

- Record Review Process
 - Uniform system to identify significant noncompliance for failure to submit discharge monitoring reports and violations of permitted effluent limitations.
 - Report is ran every 6 months.
 - Facilities that are in significant noncompliance for two consecutive quarters will be scheduled for an inspection and compliance assistance to address the violations.

Red Tape Reduction Rule Review

- Comprehensive review to identify overly burdensome and unnecessary regulation.

2017 Water Quality Standards Rulemaking

- Nutrient Criteria for Classified Lakes
- Changes to Mixing Zone Requirements
- pH Criteria
- Hardness
- 304(a) Criteria Updates
- Incorporation of a framework for a Multiple Discharger Variance for Ammonia for Lagoons

Other Rule Efforts On The Horizon

- Chapter 8 – Design Regulation
- 6.010 Operating and Construction Permits Regulation
- Chapter 2 - Definitions

Pollutant Trading

- Missouri WQ Trading Framework approved by the CWC on October 5, 2016.
- Establishes the elements that need to be included in a trading proposal
- Yet to receive a proposal to review
- <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/cwc/docs/tab-10-wqtrading-framework.pdf>



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Questions?