

Annual NPDES Noncompliance Report (NNCR)

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Training Goals

- Learn about the annual NNCR
- Identify what is and is not included in the annual report
- Discover how to access the annual NNCR online
- Understand how to find more information and where to direct questions after today's training

This presentation does not include detailed information about the underlying rules and logic used to develop the reports. We will provide additional trainings that focus on this by [violation type](#).

Agenda

1. Overview
2. Metrics included in the Annual NNCR
3. Demonstration
4. Questions

NNCR Overview



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What is the NNCR?

- NNCR stands for the NPDES Noncompliance Report and stems from 40 CFR §123.45
- This regulation requires EPA to produce online quarterly and annual noncompliance reports

What is the annual NNCR?

- The annual NNCR is a summary of compliance monitoring and enforcement activities within each state, tribe, and territory.
- It includes summary information on violations identified in the four quarterly NNCRs for the federal fiscal year.

Regulatory Background

The 2015 NPDES eRule included updates to [40 CFR §123.45](#), including:

- EPA publishing online and making publicly available,
- Changing from three *state-issued* to two *EPA-issued* noncompliance reports,
- Major, non-major, and unpermitted facilities, and
- Incorporating all violations and eliminating ‘non-reportable’ violations.

EPA Schedule for Annual NNCRs

Federal Fiscal Year	EPA Publication
October 1 – September 30	March 1

- 2021 is the first Annual NNCR available and additional years are incorporated once the new fiscal year begins (October).
- Data displayed represents the most up-to-date data available, but data displayed before March 1st is considered preliminary.
- Data is refreshed weekly.

Permit Groups



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Permit Groups in the Annual NNCR

EPA must produce, Annual Summary Reports for the following universes:

- Individual permits,
- Non-individual permits,
- Unpermitted facilities, and
- A combined report that includes totals across all three reports above.

Permit Group: Individual

Defined as permits that are unique to the permittee, have effluent limits, and require the submission of discharge monitoring reports.

NNCR Interpretation

- “Active” permit during the federal fiscal year
- Permit Type = Individual
- NPDES Data Group = G3A or G3B [DMR with Regular (G3A) or Irregular (G3B) Submission Frequency]

Permit Group: Non-Individual

Defined as all other NPDES-regulated entities that are not individually permitted.

NNCR Interpretation

- “Active” permit during the federal fiscal year
 - Permit Type = General, Individual IU Permit, or Associated Permit Record
- or
- Permit Type = Individual but NPDES Data Group does not include G3A or G3B

Permit Group: Unpermitted

Defined as Clean Water Act point sources that had unauthorized discharge(s) of pollutants to waters of the U.S.

NNCR Interpretation

- Permit Type = Unpermitted and
- Criteria to determine “active” during the federal fiscal year
 - Violation during the year,
 - Informal enforcement action during the year, or
 - New or ongoing formal enforcement action during year.

Content of Reports



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Annual Reports Must Include

- i. The number of NPDES permittees,
- ii. The number inspected by on-site inspections,
- iii. The number reviewed in which permitted limits were compared to measured data to determine violations,
- iv. The number evaluated by other, off-site compliance monitoring activities,
- v. The number with any violations,
- vi. The number with Category I violations,
- vii. The number receiving paper or electronic written informal enforcement actions,
- viii. The total number receiving formal enforcement actions with a compliance schedule,
- ix. The total number receiving a penalty assessment,
- x. The total amount of penalties assessed, and
- xi. The number of permit modifications extending compliance deadlines more than one year*.

*Data not available

Exclusions



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Reports Do Not Include

- Master General Permits (NPDES and state issued non-NPDES) and Individual State Issued Permit (Non-NPDES)
- Permits with an effective date after the current date
- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) permits without violations
- Permits without an activity during the year and
 - Permit status of Terminated, Pending, Denied, Not Needed, or Retired
 - Permit type of Unpermitted
 - NPDES Data Group of G2C [No Exposure Certifications (NOEs)] or G2D [Low Erosivity and Other Waivers from Stormwater Controls (LEWs)]

Accessing the NNCR



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Accessing the NNCR

- The annual NNCR is available on ECHO (echo.epa.gov) within the blue “Search Options” tab (in bottom left corner)
- [Annual NNCR](#)
- [NNCR Help Documentation](#)
- [NNCR Trainings](#)
- [NNCR Guide](#)

Annual NNCR Search Flow

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Search Form

Report Timeframe

Quarterly Report FY 2023 Q1

View Annual Report

Geographic Location

EPA Region (View EPA Regional Map)

Select an EPA Region

State/Territory

Select a State/Territory

Facility Address Permitted Location

Facility Characteristics

Facility Name (Separate multiple names with a semicolon ';')

Find Facility Name(s) That:

Matches Exact Phrase

Facility ID Number (Separate multiple IDs with a semicolon, comma, space, or new line)

EPA Registry ID Program System ID

Major Designation Any Major Non-Major

Permitting Agency Any State U.S. EPA

Search

Link to Annual NNCR

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Dashboard

Dashboard containing 6 charts to view the annual NNCR metrics nationally, or by state, tribe, or territory.

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View Bar Charts

Year	Category I	Category II	Total
2021	24,000	25,985	49,985
2022	28,000	29,440	57,440
2023	28,000	32,207	60,207
2024	28,000	34,465	62,465
2025	28,000	36,298	64,298
2026	20,000	35,775	55,775

Drill-down by using dashboard filters or making selections within the charts. Download underlying data for further analysis.

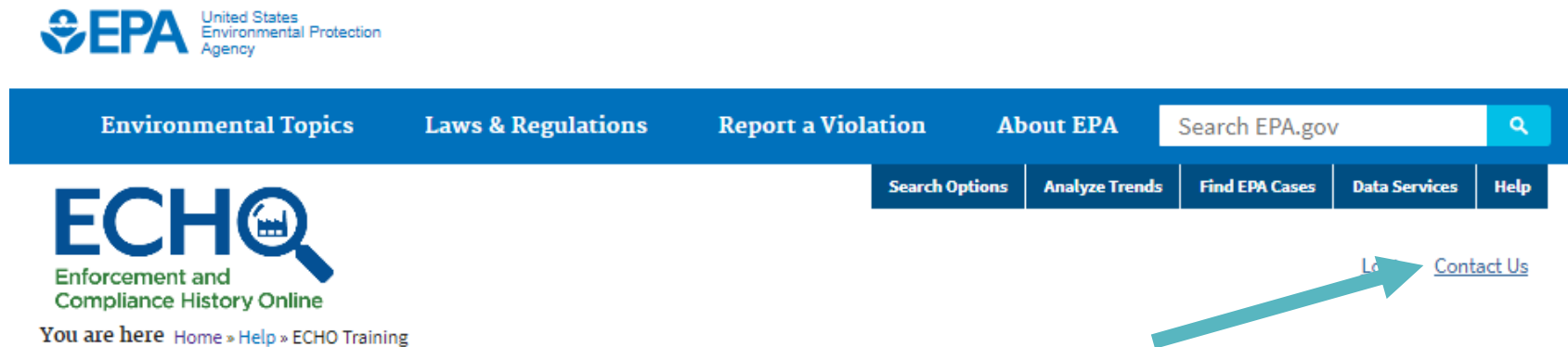
Demonstration



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Next Steps

If you have questions about the NNCR or have suggested recommendations for the workgroup to consider, please reach out to the [ECHO Help Desk](#).



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