

State of California Water Resources Control Board



electronic Self-Monitoring Reports² Discharger User Guide



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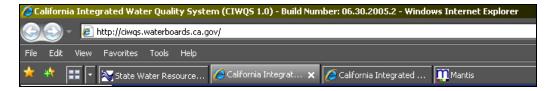


Section I Login & Changing Personal Information.

To get you started we are going to show you how to log into the system and how to make changes to your personal information. While these are very basic tasks it is one of the best beginner demonstrations to the module system in CIWQS and it will introduce you to the methods with which all information is changed in the system. You can skip this portion and proceed directly to instructions for filing an eSMR² report.

Instructions:

1. Start by going to the CIWQS login screen at: http://ciwgs.waterboards.ca.gov/.



2. Once the page loads enter your CIWQS username into the "User ID:" field and your password into the "Password:" field. For this example we will be using the "sdischarger" account.

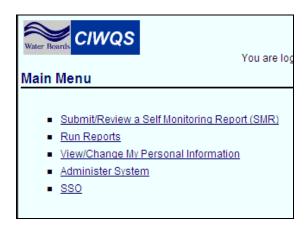


3. Press "Login".

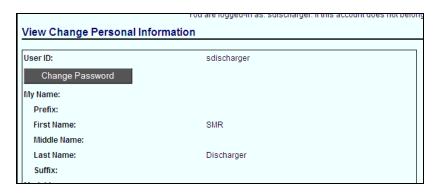




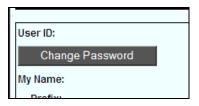
4. After you press "Login" the CIWQS main menu will appear. Depending on your access you will be provided with the links to various CIWQS modules.



- 5. Select the "View/Change My Personal Information" module hyperlink.
- 6. You will be taken to the Personal Information page, here you can update your contact information, add a new facility, change your password, or request a more serious change.



7. Let's start with changing your password. To change your password; press the "Change Password" button.

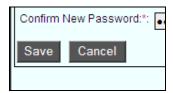




8. After pressing "Change Password" you will be taken to a new screen asking you to enter the new password you have chosen, twice. The new password must be between 7 and 16 characters long and must contain: one upper case (C) letter, one lower case (c) letter, and one number (2).



9. Once you have entered your new password press "Save".



10. After pressing "Save" you will be asked to verify that you wish to save, press "Ok".

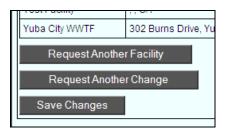


11. You will be returned to the personal information screen. If you scroll down a little you can view all of your contact information.

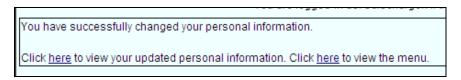




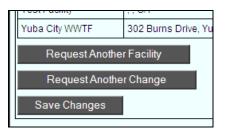
12. If you make any changes to your contact information they have to be saved by pressing the "Save Changes" button at the bottom of the page.



13. After pressing "Save Changes" you will see a screen verifying that your changes were logged. You will also be provided with two hyperlinks. Press the first "here" hyperlink to return to the personal information screen.



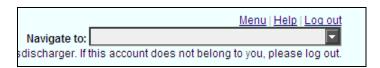
14. To request another change to your account that you don't have access to make yourself press the "Request Another Change" button near the bottom of the view/change my personal information page.





- 15. After pressing the button your computer's email client will launch a new email window with the CIWQS Help Center email address in the "To:" field.

 Describe the change you wish to have made to your account and send the email. Be sure to include your name and username.
- 16. We are now done with this module; press the "Menu" hyperlink available at the top right corner of the page to return to the CIWQS main menu.





Section II Submitting an electronic Self Monitoring Report

Building an eSMR² report requires working through a number of tabs, with each tab collecting a specific piece of information. This user guide is structured to go through each of the tabs from left to right; however, the system does not require you to complete the tabs in this order, with the exception of the Submittal Tab being last. Tabs also do not have to be complete before moving on to a separate section of the report; just remember to save your work before leaving a tab. Below are the functional areas of the eSMR² program:

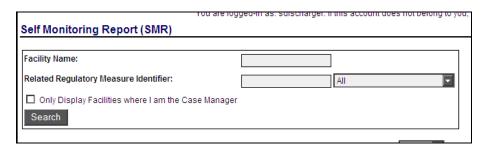


Part 1: Locating an eSMR² Report

1. From the CIWQS main menu select the "Submit/Review Self Monitoring Report (SMR)" hyperlink.



2. Skip to step 4 if you are only related to one facility, you will not see this screen. The system will transition to the SMR Search screen. From here all SMRs for facilities related to the current User can be found. Entering distinguishing criteria into the various fields will narrow the results. Enter criteria and press "Search".



 After the search facilities matching the entered criteria will be listed under the search fields. To select SMRs for a facility click on the appropriate facility name; it should be a hyperlink.



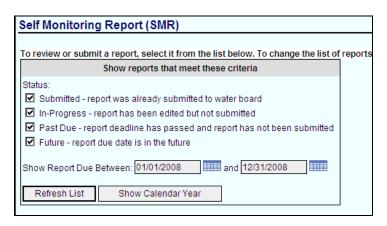


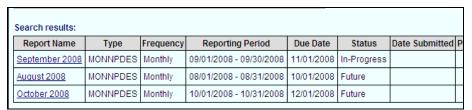
4. After selecting the facility the Order selection screen will appear. By default this screen displays only active orders. To see all orders for your facility select the "Show All" radial button. Here you must choose which regulatory measure you will be submitting for. Select an order to move to the next screen.



5. Selecting an order will bring up the report selection screen. Using the filter at the top of the screen the reports can be queried by date or progress, even allowing users to view submitted reports. Submitted reports can also be reviewed or downloaded. Click on the "Report Name" for a report that has not been completed to start entering information. To withdraw a completed report you can contact your Case Worker.

Reports without a status of "In-Progress" or "Submitted" will require confirmation that you wish to edit the report. Press "Ok" when the dialog box appears.





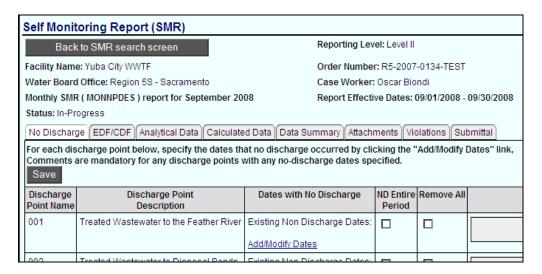
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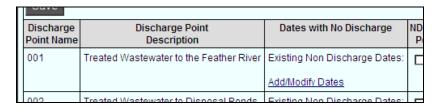
Part 2: No Discharge

Description:

The first tab of the Self Monitoring Report is the "No Discharge" tab. This is where dischargers can mark the days of the month in which they did not have a discharge for any given monitoring location. If necessary, dischargers can mark the entire month as no discharge.



 To add specific no discharge dates select the "Add/Modify Dates" hyperlink in the "Dates with No Discharge" column for the appropriate Monitoring Location.

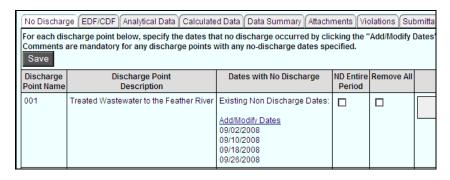


2. After selecting the hyperlink a calendar will appear. On this calendar you may select the days in which you didn't have a discharge by clicking on them. To deselect a date click on it again. Please note that this calendar does not work properly in Firefox web browser.

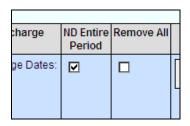




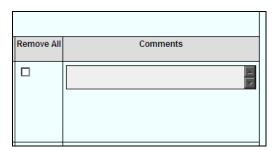
3. After selecting the appropriate dates, close the calendar by clicking the "x" box in the top right corner of the calendar. The dates that were selected will be listed in the "Dates with No Discharge" column.



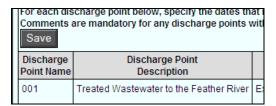
If, however, you want to label the entire reporting period as no discharge for a particular Monitoring Location; mark the "ND Entire Period" checkbox for the appropriate Monitoring Location.



4. After the dates have been selected you can choose to enter a comment.



5. Save the dates and any entered comments to the Monitoring Location by pressing "Save".





6. After saving you can remove dates individually by selecting the "Add/Modify Dates" hyperlink again, or you can remove all of the entered dates by marking the "Remove All" checkbox and pressing save.

Dates with No Discharge	ND Entire Period	Remove All	
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7. This tab is now complete; from here you may proceed to any other tab in the system.

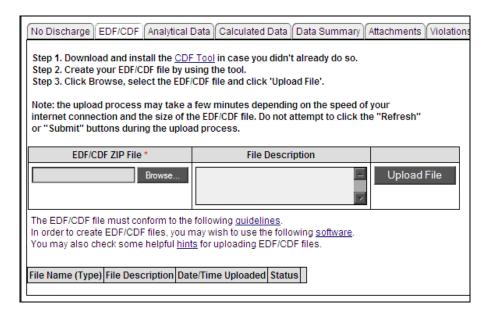
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Part 3: EDF/CDF

Description:

The second tab of the eSMR² module is the "EDF/CDF" tab. This tab is used to upload electronic deliverable format (EDF) files that are created either through a discharger's Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) or the Waterboard Entry Tool (WET). These files are used to upload any combination of analytical and calculated monitoring data. This tab can be used in lieu of, or in combination with, the "Analytical Data" and "Calculated Data" tabs.

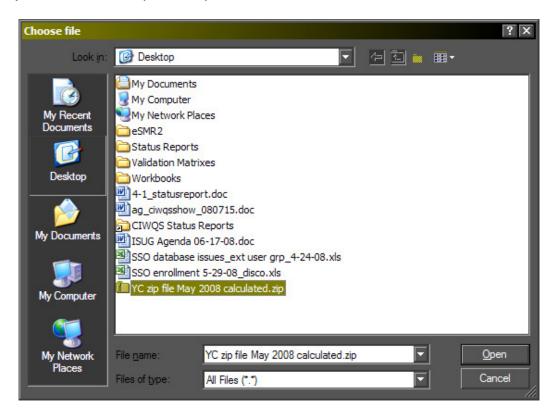


- 1. The first thing that needs to be done if you intend to use this tab is to obtain an EDF file created by either your LIMS system or the WET tool. This file must be a ZIP file, meaning it will have a ".zip" suffix.
- 2. Once you have obtained the completed EDF file press the "Browse" button location on the left, near the center of the page. Press this button to begin searching your computer for the file.

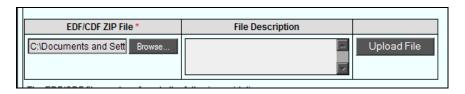




3. After pressing the "Browse" button a file selection window will appear. Choose your EDF file and press "Open".

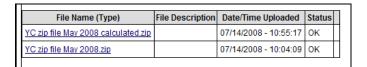


4. After pressing "Open" the file path for your EDF will appear to the left of the "Browse" button. Now you can choose to enter a file description and then upload the file by pressing the "Upload File" button.



5. Once the file has been uploaded the information for that file will appear in the table at the bottom of the page. Multiple files can be uploaded on this screen.

If a file will not upload to the system for some reason, a red error message will be returned. This means that there was a formatting problem with the data entered in the EDF file.





6. This tab is now complete; from here you may proceed to any other tab in the system.

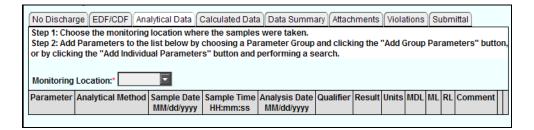
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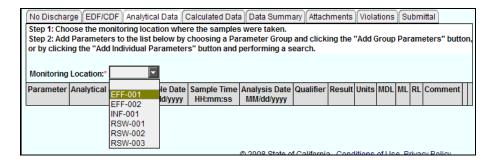
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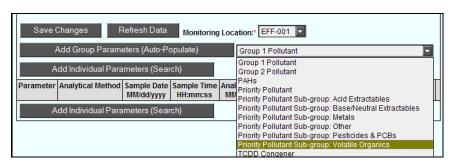
The third tab of the eSMR² module is the "Analytical Data" tab. This tab is one of the three main constituent data entry points in the eSMR² module. The "Analytical Data" tab will allow you to enter all of the analytical data collected for the various parameters covered by your permit.



1. To begin entering data for your permit on the "Analytical Data" tab you must first select a monitoring location. To do this, select the down arrow on the "Monitoring Location:" dropdown and click on one of the sites listed.

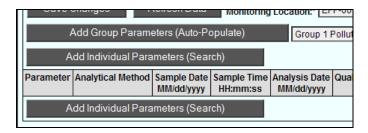


- 2. After selecting a monitoring location the options on this tab will expand and provide you with two ways to add parameters to submit data against.
 - a. The first method of adding parameters is the "Add Group Parameters (Auto-Populate)" button. To use this, select a parameter group in the dropdown to the right of the button and then press the button. After pressing the "Add Group Parameters (Auto-Populate)" button the parameters will populate in the table below.

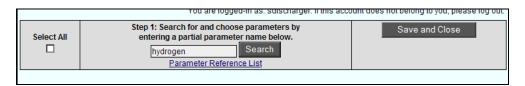




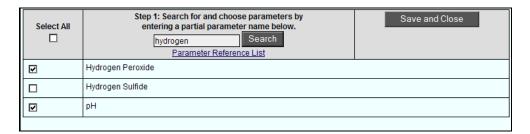
b. The second method of adding parameters is the "Add Individual Parameters (Search)" button. To use this simply press the button and a parameter search screen will appear.



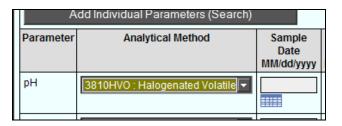
When the parameter search screen appears enter the name or part of the name of a parameter in the provided field and press "Search". Please note: the less specific you are the more results will be returned.



The search will return multiple parameters that match your criteria. You can either select all of the returned results by marking the "Select All" checkbox, or you can select them individually by marking the checkbox next to each parameter. After selecting your desired parameters press the "Save and Close" button and the parameters will populate the table back on the "Analytical Data" tab.

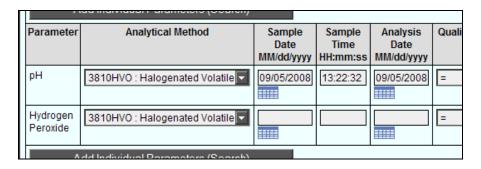


3. Once your parameters have been selected, not that you must select them all at once, you may begin entering data for them. Begin by selecting the Analytical Method from the available dropdown.

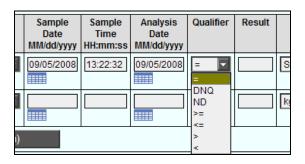




4. Next, enter your "Sample Date", "Sample Time", and "Analysis Date" in the provided fields. Dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format, and times are in HH:MM:SS (24-hour clock) format.

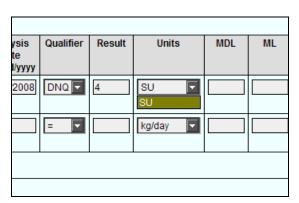


5. Select a qualifier for your parameter from the available dropdown.



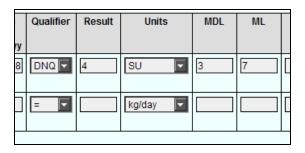
6. Enter in the result you received for the parameter you are completing in the provided field and select the units from the available dropdown. Please note: Units will be filtered based on the parameter you selected.

For a Did Not Quantify (DNQ) the result must be between the Method Detection Limit and the Minimum Level (ML) / Reporting Limit (RL). For a Non-Detect (ND) the result must be below the MDL.

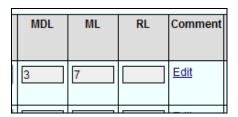




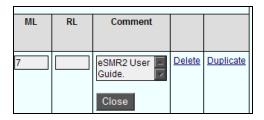
7. The next two fields available for you to fill out are the "MDL" and the "ML" fields. If you selected "DNQ" as the qualifier the MDL is required and the ML is required if you do not enter a Reporting Limit (RL). Only the MDL is required if you selected "ND".



8. After entering the MDL and the ML you are allowed to enter a "RL". The RL is required if you selected DNQ as the qualifier and did not enter a ML.



9. Before saving the parameter you may enter a comment. To do so click the "Edit" hyperlink in the "Comment" column, enter your desired comment in the field that appears and press close.



10. You have now completed entering in all of the information for a parameter. To save the entered information press the "Save Changes" button on the left side of the page.

Please note that parameters without the proper amount of information entered will not be saved. In order to save a parameter the "Analytical Method", "Sample Date", "Sample Time", "Result" and "Units" fields must be completed.





11. After you have entered the information for at least one parameter you are allowed to duplicate that entry. This is recommended if you had multiple samples for a single parameter. To do this click the "Duplicate" hyperlink located on the right side of the row of the parameter you wish to duplicate. Please remember to change the necessary information on the duplicate parameter so that it indicates an additional sample.

ML	RL	Comment		
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12. If you need to remove a parameter from the list for some reason you can click the "Delete" hyperlink on the applicable row to do so.



13. Repeat the above steps as necessary until all of your analytical data has been entered. Once finished this tab will be complete and you may proceed to any other tab in the system.

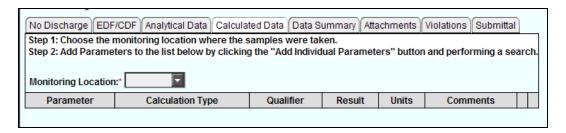
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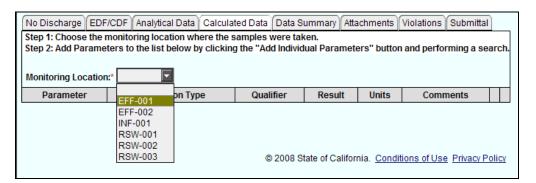
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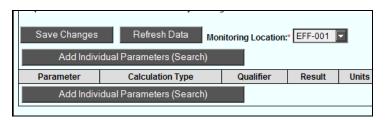
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1. To begin entering data for your permit on the "Calculated Data" tab you must first select a monitoring location. To do this, select the down arrow on the "Monitoring Location:" dropdown and click on one of the sites listed.

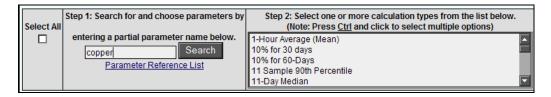


2. After selecting the monitoring location the "Add Individual Parameters (Search)" button will appear to allow you to add parameters, with their corresponding calculation types, to submit data against. To use this simply press the button and a parameter search screen will appear.

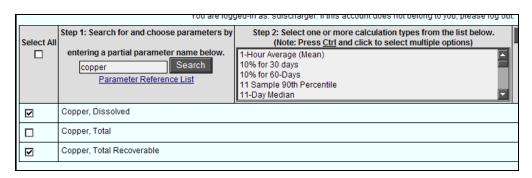




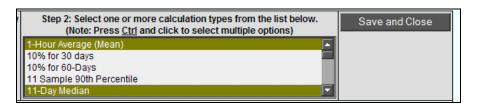
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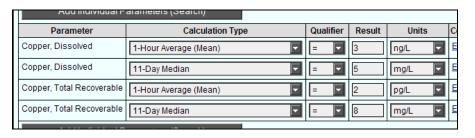
The search will return multiple parameters that match your criteria. You can either select all of the returned results by marking the "Select All" checkbox, or you can select them individually by marking the checkbox next to each parameter.



Next you must select the calculation types you will be performing for the selected parameters. Hold "Ctrl" on your keyboard and click on as many calculation types as you need. After selecting your desired parameters and calculation types press the "Save and Close" button and the parameters will populate the table back on the "Analytical Data" tab.

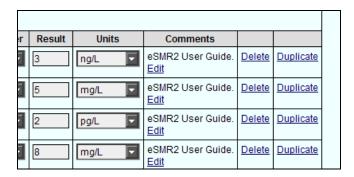


3. Once your parameters have been selected, not that you must select them all at once, you may begin entering data for them. For each parameter enter the result, select the "Qualifier" and "Units" from the available dropdowns.



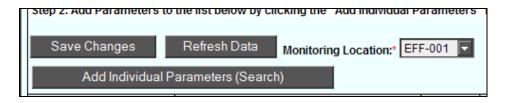


4. Before saving the parameter you may enter a comment. To do so click the "Edit" hyperlink in the "Comments" column, enter your desired comment in the field that appears and press close.

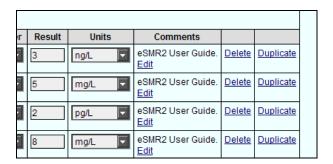


5. You have now completed entering in all of the information for a parameter. To save the entered information press the "Save Changes" button on the left side of the page.

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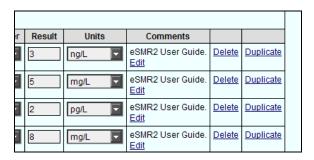


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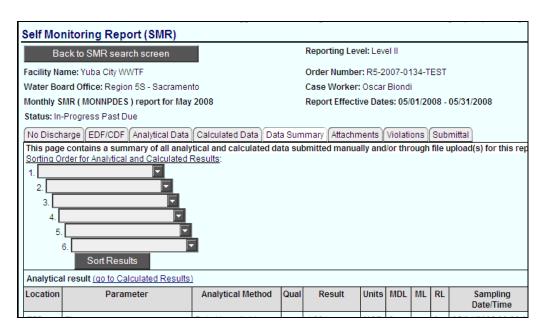
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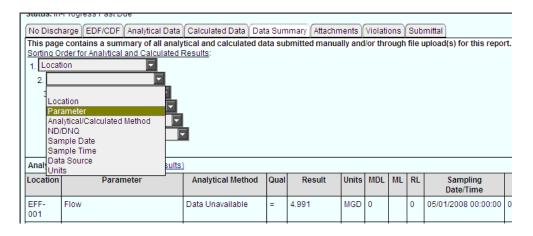
Part 6: Data Summary

Description:

The fifth tab of the eSMR² module is the "Data Summary" tab. This tab enables users to view all of the data they have submitted against the report. Information on this tab is gathered from the "EDF/CDF" upload, the "Analytical Data", and the "Calculated Data" tabs, with all of the data being separated into "Analytical" and "Calculated" data sections.

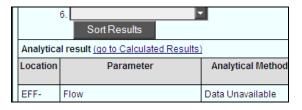


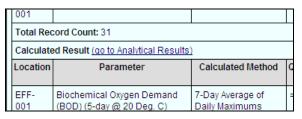
1. While on this tab you can sort the data using one or all of the six available dropdowns. To do this click the down arrow on each of the dropdown fields 1-6, and select which column you would like the table sorted by. Once you have selected your preferred sort order press "Sort Results" to sort the tables. The system will always sort the by dropdowns in order; so if you select "Location for dropdown 1 and parameter for dropdown 2 the system will sort the monitoring locations and then sort all of the parameters within each location.





2. You can jump between the "Calculated" and "Analytical" data tables by clicking the corresponding hyperlink located at the top of each table.





3. This tab is now complete; from here you may proceed to any other tab in the system.

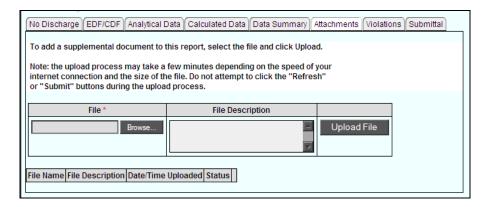
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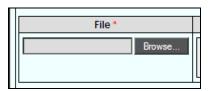
Part 7: Attachments

Description:

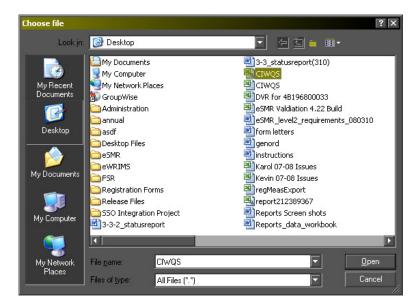
The seventh tab of the eSMR² module is the Attachments tab. This tab will allow you to enter any attachments that you feel will complete your report. Attachments may include: lab reports, pictures, and chain of custody documents.



1. To attach a file press the "Browse" button located on the left, near the center of the page. Press this button to begin searching your computer for the file.

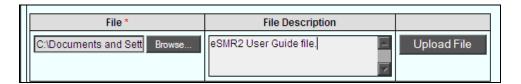


2. After pressing the "Browse" button a file selection window will appear. Choose your file and press "Open".



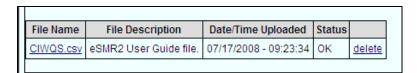


3. After pressing "Open" the file path for your selected file will appear to the left of the "Browse" button. Now you can choose to enter a file description and then upload the file by pressing the "Upload File" button. If your file name does not describe the contents of the file a description is strongly recommended.



4. Once the file has been uploaded the information for that file will appear in the table at the bottom of the page. Multiple files can be uploaded on this screen.

CIWQS will accept files in any format; however, if you are using a specialized format you should check with your case worker to see if they are capable of reading the file.



5. This tab is now complete; from here you may proceed to any other tab in the system.

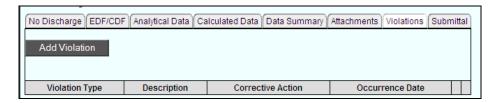
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Part 8: Violations

Description:

The seventh tab in the eSMR² module is the "Violations" tab. The purpose of this tab is to allow you to fulfill your requirement for reporting your own violations for the monitoring report you are submitting. Once the report has been submitted these violations will either be confirmed or dismissed by your case worker. If you do not have any violations for the report you are working on this tab is to be skipped.



1. To begin entering violations press the "Add Violation" button.

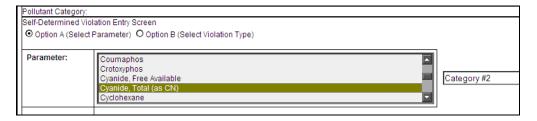


2. After pressing the "Add Violation" button the violation wizard will appear. From here you will have two options for entering violations, "Option A (Select Parameter)" and "Option B (Select Violation Type)". Select one by clicking on the corresponding radial button.



Option A:

a. Choose "Option A" if the violation is a violation of a limit for a specific parameter. To begin, scroll through the "Parameter" box and click on the desired parameter. After selecting a parameter the field to right of the "Parameter" box will populate with the violation type.

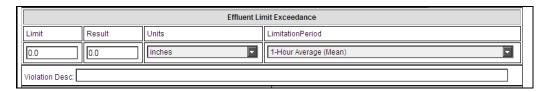




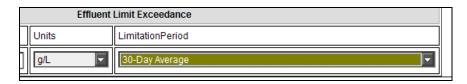
b. After selecting the parameter the next field required for this option is the "Occurrence Date" field. If the violation has a multi-day calculation period, use the last date of the calculation period. Enter the date the violation occurred in MM/DD/YYYY format.



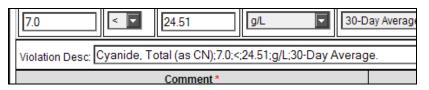
c. Under the next heading, "Effluent Limit Exceedance", you are required to enter the "Limit" for the parameter, "Bounded", "Result" and "Units".



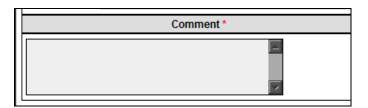
d. The next field required is the "Limitation Period". You can select this from the corresponding dropdown. The limitation period is the same as the calculation type.



e. Something to note is that as you enter information for your violation the system automatically creates a "Violation Description" for you.

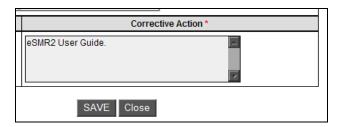


f. After entering all of the violation information for the violation, you are then required to enter a comment for your violation in the "Comment" field. In this field you can enter any information you feel clarifies the Violation.



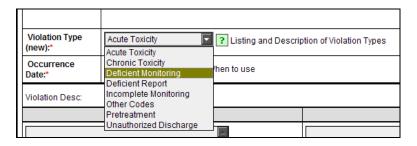


g. The last field for "Option A" is the "Corrective Action" field. This text box will allow you to enter all steps you have taken to mitigate the violation and any step you have taken to prevent it from happening again. Once done, press "Save" to save the violation.



Option B:

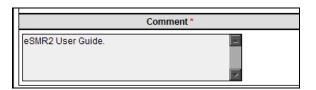
a. If you choose "Option B" you are allowed to select what the violation type is. To do so, simply click on the down arrow of the "Violation Type" dropdown and choose the appropriate type from the list. To see a description of the different types click on the question mark to the right of the dropdown.



b. After selecting the violation type, the next field required for this option is the "Occurrence Date" field. Enter the date the violation occurred in MM/DD/YYYY format.

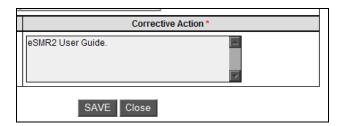


c. After selecting the type and entering the occurrence date for the violation, you are then allowed to enter a comment for your violation in the "Comment" field. In this field you can enter any information you feel clarifies the Violation.





d. The last field for "Option B" is the "Corrective Action" field. This text box will allow you to enter all steps you have taken to mitigate the violation and any step you have taken to prevent it from happening again. Once done, press "Save" to save the violation.

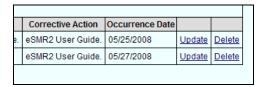


3. After your violations have been saved they will appear in a table on the "Violations" tab so you can view them all at once. Once the table is populated it will also allow you to go back into any of your violations to update any incorrect information. To do this, click the "Update" hyperlink

ı	Violation Type	Description	Corrective Action
l	Category 2 Pollutant (Effluent Violation for Group 2 Pollutant)	Cyanide, Total (as CN);7.0;<;24.51;g/L;30-Day Average.	eSMR2 User Guide.
l	Acute Toxicity	eSMR2 User Guide.	eSMR2 User Guide.
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4. One final thing to note on this tab is the ability to delete entered violations. This function is provided for you so you can delete any violations that were entered in error. To do this, click the "Delete" hyperlink.



5. Repeat the above steps as necessary until all of your violations have been entered into the system. When finished this tab will be complete; from here you may proceed to any other tab in the system.

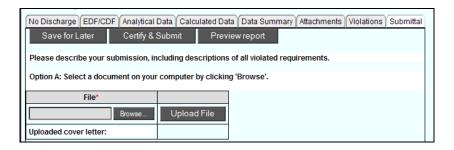
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Part 9: Submittal

Description:

The final tab of the eSMR² module is the "Submittal" tab. This is the final step in submitting your monitoring report. On this tab you will enter your cover letter and certify the report. Only account holders that are "Legally Responsible Officials" can certify and submit the report. Data preparers can do everything up until pressing the "Certify & Submit" button.



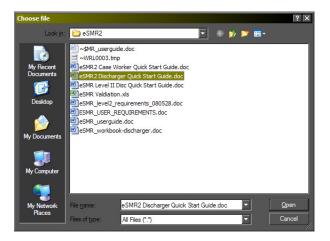
1. The first step of the final submittal process is entering a cover letter. This can be done in one of two ways:

Option A: Uploading a file.

a. To attach a cover letter file press the "Browse" button located on the left, near the center of the page. Press this button to begin searching your computer for the cover letter.

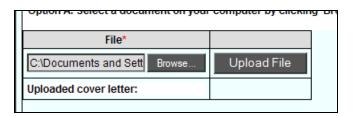


b. After pressing the "Browse" button a file selection window will appear. Choose your cover letter and press "Open".

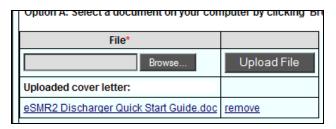




c. After pressing "Open", the file path for your selected file will appear to the left of the "Browse" button. Upload the file by pressing the "Upload File" button.

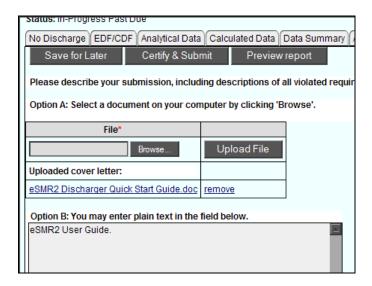


d. Once the cover letter has been uploaded the information for that file will appear below the "Upload File" button.



Option B: Entering text in the field provided.

a. The other option lets you enter your cover letter text in a text box that is provided on the screen. Simply type or paste in your text and press "Save for Later" to save it.





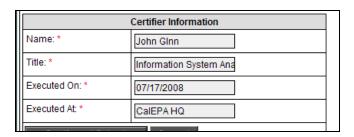
2. Once your cover letter information has been entered you can preview your monitoring report by pressing the "Preview Report" button. Doing this will load a sorting feature similar to the one found on the "Data Summary" tab. Once you have selected the way in which you want the report to display, press "Generate Report" and the system will open a "PDF" file of the report.



3. After verify that your report is accurate and complete, press the "Certify & Submit" button to begin the report certification process.



4. When the "Certify & Submit" button has been pressed the report certification screen will appear. On this page the Certifier must enter their name, title, and physical location before the report will let them certify.



5. Once you have entered the requested information press "Certify and Submit" to send your completed and certified report to your regional board. Please note: Once the report has been certified it can only be reopened for data entry by having a Regional Board Case Worker withdraw it.



Your report is now complete. Emails will be sent to your Case Worker and all Legally Responsible Officials for your facility.

