

## Frequently Asked Questions

These frequently asked questions pertain to the Request for Information sent on August 18, 2021 to select NJPDES Industrial Discharge to Surface Water Permittees (Category B) and NJPDES Significant Indirect User Permittees (Category L).

**1. Where do we sample? If my facility has more than one outfall, do I sample all of my permitted outfalls?**

*Two samples must be collected for every designated active discharge monitoring location identified in each NJPDES permit held by the facility. Discharge monitoring locations with comingled stormwater/wastewater discharges must be sampled during both dry weather conditions and during a valid storm event. Discharge monitoring locations that only discharge stormwater should be sampled during a valid storm event. A valid storm event is any precipitation that produces a stormwater discharge including discharges from snow melt events. The facility's NJPDES permit number along with the outfall number should be included in any results submitted to the Department. PFAS samples from each discharge location should be taken at least 30 days apart.*

**2. What type of sample (grab vs. composite) should be collected? Is there a need to collect blanks along with the samples?**

*All PFAS samples shall be collected as grab samples. The collection of field reagent blanks (collected along with samples) is required. These shall be collected in the same manner, quantity, and analyzed under the same conditions as is required by EPA Methods 537 and/or 537.1. Requirements noted within the EPA drinking water methods (EPA 537, 537.1) should be followed regarding collection of blanks. Any further questions regarding sampling should be directed to your certified laboratory.*

**3. What are the minimum reporting limits or practical quantitation limits (PQL) for each of the 12 PFAS contaminants?**

*PQLs are established by each laboratory certified by the Department's Office of Quality Assurance to conduct analysis of these compounds in non-potable water.*

**4. Is there a point of contact if I have any questions?**

*If there are any further questions, please direct them to [dwq\\_pretreatment@dep.nj.gov](mailto:dwq_pretreatment@dep.nj.gov).*