



DRINKING WATER RULE WAIVER REQUEST
NHDES Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau



Public Water System Waiver Request in Accordance with Env-Dw 202

Request a Waiver for Rule: Env-712.23(a)
Initial Monitoring for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

I request a waiver for the consecutive requirement of Env-Dw 712.23(a) for the listed public water system. The system commenced initial monitoring for PFAS in accordance with Env-Dw 712.23(a) then stopped when the PFAS court injunction was enacted placing the rule on hold. I request that monitoring periods without PFAS compliance results, occurring while the injunction was in effect, not count towards the consecutive requirement of Env-Dw 712.23(a) for the following reasons;

- The injunction was unforeseen, creating uncertainty, preventing us from adequately planning and budgeting for PFAS monitoring.
•The water system submitted initial PFAS sample results in good faith. Not crediting submitted results toward the consecutive requirement will incur additional costs, needlessly creating a financial hardship.
•Waiving this requirement will allow the water system to complete the initial round of PFAS monitoring sooner. Accelerating compliance with PFAS MCLs, protecting the consumers more quickly.
•The COVID-19 pandemic created operational, and financial challenges. Affecting our ability to plan and fully implement this new monitoring requirement.
•To date, NH monitoring results have not shown a huge seasonal variation in PFAS. Granting this waiver will not significantly change the rules intent and be equally protective of public health.

Please complete the following:

Monitoring Quarters Missed (select all that apply) Q4 2019 Q1 2020 Q2 2020 Q3 2020

System Name: [text box]

System PWS ID: [text box]

System Location (City/Town): [text box]

Sampling Site(s) ID(s) [text box]

Owner/Operator Name: [text box]

Email Address: [text box]

Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Relationship to water system - Owner Primary Operator\*\* Owner's Representative\*\*

\*\*If not signed by the owner, attach documentation from the owner (email or letter) supporting this submittal.

Submit this waiver request via e-mail to dwmonitoring@des.nh.gov once the initial PFAS monitoring requirements have been completed (four quarterly samples for each sample site listed). You will be notified once NHDES determines whether or not this waiver request is granted. Incomplete submittals will be rejected.

For questions about this form please contact us via dwmonitoring@des.nh.gov or call (603) 271-3907.

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## Instructions

This form should be used by water systems to request a waiver for the requirement to conduct four consecutive initial quarterly rounds of PFAS monitoring in accordance with Env-Dw 712.23(a), beginning with the first quarter following the 2019 effective date of the section (September 30, 2019).

The waiver request must be submitted for each monitoring location, listed on the water system's sampling schedule, that is required to monitor for PFAS. Once the site has completed four quarters of PFAS compliance monitoring, the water system must fill out the form and submit it to [dwmonitoring@des.nh.gov](mailto:dwmonitoring@des.nh.gov).

**Note: The water system owner must either sign the waiver request or attach a note (or email) authorizing a representative of the water system to submit the waiver on his/her behalf.**

This waiver request is not needed if the initial PFAS monitoring was completed in four consecutive quarters. The waiver will be entertained only for those sample sites that started sampling and stopped for any of the monitoring periods (quarters) that occurred during the time that New Hampshire's PFAS rules were on hold because of the PFAS court injunction (quarter 4 2019, quarter 1 2020, quarter 2 2020, & quarter 3 2020). Monitoring missed during any monitoring periods after the injunction was lifted will not be considered for this waiver.

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