

Regulation No. 85 Guidance for Nutrient Monitoring Requirements for Facilities Affected by the September 2013 Extreme Flood Events

The Water Quality Control Division (Division) prepared this guidance for discharge permittees whose receiving waters were significantly affected by the September 2013 extreme flood event.

For facilities with instream monitoring requirements and the downstream flow gage has been destroyed:

These facilities **are required** to monitor instream.

- If there is not an operational flow gage during the entire monitoring period but there are plans to replace it in the same location, mark "Flow gage down" and write "FLOOD" in the notes field in your data submittal.
- If there is not an operational flow gage during the entire monitoring period and there are no plans to replace it in the same location, please find a replacement location. Contact the Division with revisions to your sampling plan.

For facilities that are completely destroyed or inoperable for an extended period of time:

These facilities **are not expected** to collect data for the Regulation No. 85 Monitoring requirement during the time that the facility is/was inoperable. The facility will be considered to be in compliance during the interim period. Once the facility is operational the monitoring requirements will resume.

Sampling instream nutrient conditions in the high flows immediately following the September 2013 extreme flood event was not possible in many streams on the Front Range. The Division understands this and no reporting violations will accrue during those times when safe sampling was not possible.

Note: In any case where Regulation No. 85 monitoring requirements were not followed as specified by the regulation due to flood related circumstances, please indicate that with the reported data in the April 2014 submission.

For further Regulation No. 85 reporting assistance, please contact staff from the Division's Environmental Data Unit:

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Additional Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment guidance regarding flood related issues is available on the [CDPHE Flood Guidance Page](#).