

As of May 5, 1998, outfall pipes must be tagged according to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6.2(a)9 as follows:

1. Composition/Content of Tag:

The rules are very specific about the content of the tags, but do not specify materials to be used, appearance, and size. Some permittees have asked if the tags should be big enough to be seen from a rowboat in the river.

The regulations do not specify the size of the required tag or lettering.

The tag should be:

- 1). **Legible.**
- 2). **Located as near the outfall as possible.**
- 3). **Made of durable material such as metal.**
- 4). **Maintained on a regular basis, such as cleaned and inspected to ensure tag is properly attached.**

Tag shall display at a minimum:

- 1). **Name of facility from which discharge originates.**
- 2). **NJPDES Permit Number.**
- 3). **NJPDEP Hotline Number**
- 4). **Discharge Serial Number for that particular outfall.**

2. Location of tag:

- A) Should the tag be by the sampling point or by the location at the river. I am under the impression that the sampling point is the discharge point according to the NJPDES permit. However, most sampling points are inside facilities or manholes.

The outfall pipe should be tagged, not the monitoring point.

- B) If the tag is required at the body of water where the discharge occurs, should the permittee still tag the outfall even though there are several permittees discharging through the same outfall?

Multiple dischargers through the same pipe should all tag that pipe.

- C) Also, what if the land where the outfall pipe is located is not owned by the permittee and/or, the distance from the sampling point to the outfall is great. Should the permittee still tag the outfall?

If the outfall is on another owner's property, an effort must be made to tag the ultimate outfall before coming back to DEP.

- D) Some outfalls are submerged most of the time but due to unusual conditions such as an extreme low tide or dry weather these outfalls can be seen during short periods of time. Should these outfalls be tagged?

Pipes routinely visible but submerged some of the time should be tagged.