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1 Introduction

1.1 Electronic Environmental Reporting and the E2 System

The New Jersey Electronic Environmental (E2) reporting system is a web-based information system that allows the regulated community to electronically submit reports to the Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

The E2 system provides an alternative to submitting hand-written or paper-based reports that is faster, more efficient, and requires less processing for water systems and the NJDEP. As a fully operational electronic reporting system, all of the necessary legal, security, and electronic signature functionalities have been included to serve as a completely paperless reporting system.

Currently, the E2 system allows users to submit five major categories of reports:

- Electronic Drinking Water Reports (DWR)
- Electronic New Jersey Quantitation Limit (NJQL) Reports
- Electronic Private Well Testing Act (PWTA) Reports
- Electronic Volunteer Water Monitoring (VolMon) Reports
- Electronic Water Quality Data Exchange

In addition, the E2 system allows purveyors of water systems to perform the following functions:

- View Electronic Drinking Water Reports (DWR) containing analytical results submitted by laboratories on behalf of water systems
- Submit Annual Water Utilization reports

1.2 Reasons for and Benefits of Electronic Reporting with E2

Electronic reporting provides the following benefits:

- Gives the user greater control over the quality of data flow.
- Reduces reporting costs by offering a streamlined reporting method using readily available computer tools.
- Offers on-line availability of reports and their processing status.
- Improves reported data integrity and security.
- Saves the NJDEP costs by reducing, and better utilizing resources required for managing reports.
- Adds to the overall effectiveness of the NJDEP program areas with faster response for data analyses, compliance assessment, and decision-making.
- Allows the NJDEP (Office of Quality Assurance) to perform behind-the-scenes evaluations (informal data audits) of laboratory data submissions with respect to laboratories approved for certification, effective certification dates to analyze for specified parameters, using specified methods and techniques.

1.3 Additional Information

Additional information can be found at NJDEP's E2 website, located at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/online/e2



1.4 E2 System Overview

As a web-enabled system, Laboratories can access the E2 system using only Internet access and a Web browser. The E2 system provides laboratories with the following capabilities:

- Ability to submit data to NJDEP's Electronic Environmental (E2) Reporting module. The data will go through the Data Validation Process. It will also be stored once it is determined whether it is valid or not.
- **Ability to receive information from the module.** Participating laboratories will have the option of retrieving necessary data from the Data Portal.

In essence, the E2 system serves as an electronic filing cabinet, allowing laboratories to manage their own reporting to NJDEP and monitor the status of past report submissions.

In order to provide sufficient security for all submitted information, access to the E2 system is restricted in the following ways:

- Any person who wants to have access to the E2 system must have an authorized NJDEP Online account (located at: http://www.njdeponline.com)
- Any person who wants to submit reports for a particular Laboratory must request and be granted an association with their Laboratory.
- Any person who wishes to certify laboratory reports must fill out an Electronic Signature Agreement to obtain a Personal Identification Number (PIN).



2 Minimum System Requirements

Laboratories must be able to access NJDEP's E2 website through the Internet. Typically, such access is available either through a dedicated connection (i.e.: local area network) or a modem connection to an Internet Service Provider.

To ensure that all of the features of the Department's E2 system are available, a Laboratory must use Microsoft Internet Explorer web browser (version 6.0 or higher) and Adobe Reader (version 5.0 or higher). The performance of the E2 system will vary based on the computer's internet connection speed, CPU, Operating System, and available memory. NJDEP recommends the following system configuration:

- Broadband Internet Connection or higher
- Pentium II processor or higher
- Microsoft Windows 2000 or higher
- 256 MB of RAM or higher
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher



3 WQX Quick Start Guide

This section provides a quick summary of the steps involved in submitting Water Data reports. Please refer to Section 5.2 for a more detailed description of the submission process.

- **Step 1:** User Log in: WQX reporter User logs into the E2 Reporting System via the Internet with user ID and password at NJDEP Online (http://www.njdeponline.com)
- **Step 2:** Associate Organization: Using the My Account > Associate Organization, the user can associate one or more organizations.
- **Step 3:** Create/Import/View/Edit Project: Using the WQX Module > Project, the user can create a new project by entering the project information through online web form or importing projects using batch processes.
- **Step 4:** Create/Import/View/Edit Monitoring Location: Using the WQX Module > Monitoring Location, the user can create a new station by entering the station information through online web form or importing stations using batch processes.
- **Step 5:** Create/View/Edit the import configuration files: Using the WQX Module > View Configuration, the user can create a new import configuration file based on the data file format to be submitted.
- **Step 6:** Submit Project/Station/Activity/Result Data: Using the WQX Module > Submit Data screen, the user enters the Submission File Name, chooses the Import Configuration File and then selects the correct file to upload.
- **Step 7:** Once the Server receives the file, the system will issue a receipt of confirmation to the user on the screen. A separate receipt confirmation email will be automatically sent to the user. The Server verifies that the Water Quality Data file conforms to specific data validation rules and business requirements. If it passes validation, the submission is noted as such on the Server for reference. If not, the submission will be noted as 'Invalid'. The user is notified via email of validation status. If the submission is invalid, the user must fix the errors and submit the file to the E2-WOX Server.
- **Step 8:** View Submission: All past Water Quality Data submissions including projects, stations, activities and results that are made through E2 can be viewed and printed at any time at the WQX Module > View Submission menu option.
- **Step 9:** View Activities and Results: The detailed activities and results data from all the valid submissions made through E2 can be viewed at any time at the WQX Module > Activities and Results menu option.

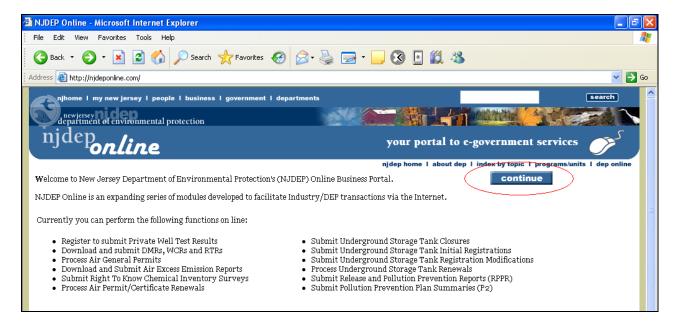


4 Getting Started

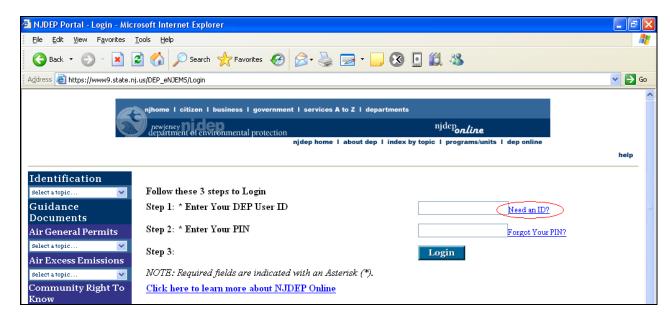
4.1 Creating an NJDEP Online User Profile

In order to gain access to the E2 Reporting System, an NJDEP Online User Profile at http://njdeponline.com must first be created. If you already have an NJDEP Online account, you can skip this section and proceed to section 4.2.

If the user does not already have a user profile one can be created by browsing to the NJDEP Online website.



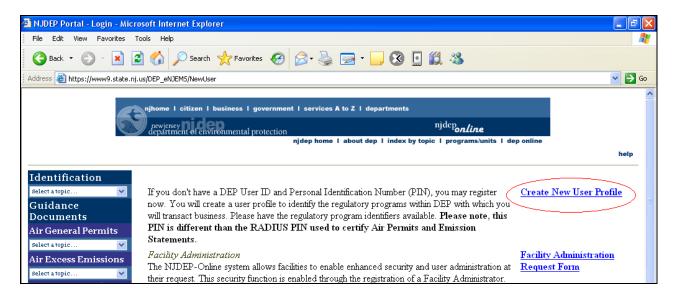
From the URL above, click the "continue" button and the eNJEMS login page will be displayed.



To the right of the "user id" text box, click the "Need an ID" link. A new page will open with information about creating a User Profile.

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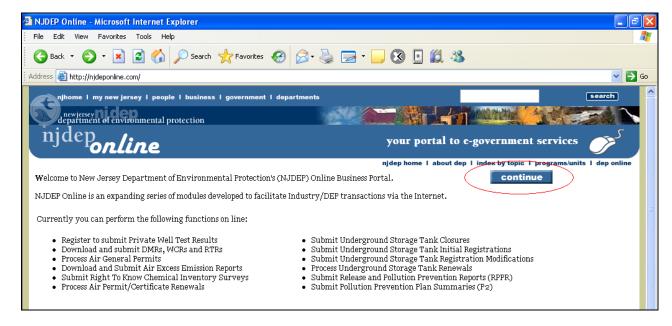




Click the "Create New User Profile" link. The User Profile creation screen will be opened, and the required information to create a User Profile can be entered. Fill out the required fields and scroll down to the bottom of the page to click the "Submit Request" button. **There is no need to add any programs.** A new page will be displayed to notify that the User Profile was created successfully. Click the "Continue" button to continue to the login page. With this User Profile a user can now login to the E2 Reporting System (see section 4.2).

4.2 New Jersey WQX Website Login

A WQX laboratory participant can log into the E2 Water Quality Exchange (WQX) Reporting System website through the NJDEP Online web portal (http://www.njdeponline.com). Click "Continue" to proceed to the login page, as shown below:



Provide your NJDEP Online username and password that you supplied when you self-registered, then click the "Login" button to proceed. You will be shown a listing of programs for which you can report. Select the **Water Quality Data Exchange** option.

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After clicking "Continue", you are brought to the E2 Reporting homepage, which provides a brief description of the system, and highlights any announcements created by the administrator.



Before proceeding, we will be taking a closer look at the layout of the application as a whole, starting with the status bar.



The status bar is intended to provide quick access to the current module, user information, and general system functions.

- Towards the left part of the status bar, the Home icon allows the user to return to the E2 default homepage.
- The user can access online help by clicking on this icon.
- Conce finished using the E2 Reporting System, the user may log out using the logout icon.

To continue with the layout of the application, the function bar is located in the frame to the left of the main area of the screen. The menu options that you will be able to see will depend on your current access rights. When you start using E2 for the first time, you will only see the "My Account" menu. After your account has been associated with an organization, you will be able to begin reporting data. Each functional area is highlighted below.

Under WQX Module are the following menu options:



- Shows a list of all the projects that are part of the user's associate organizations, with the option of creating a new project.
- Monitoring Location Shows a list of all the monitoring stations that are listed as part of the user's associate organizations, with the option of creating a new station.
- Activities and Results Shows a list of the activities and results that are submitted to specific organizations or projects.
- Submit Data
 Allows the user to submit a text file of data and an attachment.
- View Submissions Allows the user to see a list of past submissions and information such as if it was accepted or not, the date it was submitted, the status of the submission, etc.
- View Configurations Shows a list of the current configuration files for reports with the option of viewing and editing the configuration file or creating a new one.
- Reference Data Shows the user a list of reference data based on the criteria in the dropdown menu.

Under My Account are the following topics (see Section 4.3 for more details) associated with this module:

- Basic Information

 The user's account information can be seen by clicking on Basic Information.
- Manage PIII The user can request a new PIN after clicking on this icon.
- Associated WQX Org. Shows a list of any WQX Organizations that have been associated with the account.
- Register WOX Org. Shows a list of the organizations that have been registered under the account.



4.3 My Account

The My Account section of the site provides three important links. The first is the ability for the user to see their user information. The second function is the ability to manage the user's PIN. The third function is the ability to view all of the laboratories and water systems within the system, as well as which laboratories and water systems the user is associated with.

4.3.1 Basic Information

To see user information, select the Basic Information icon, Basic Information. This will provide a link to the following page

User ID:	admin	
First Name:	admin	
Last Name:	enfoTech	
Job Title:	Super Admin	
e-mail Address:	maggie_hsueh@enfotech.com	
Account Status:	Active	

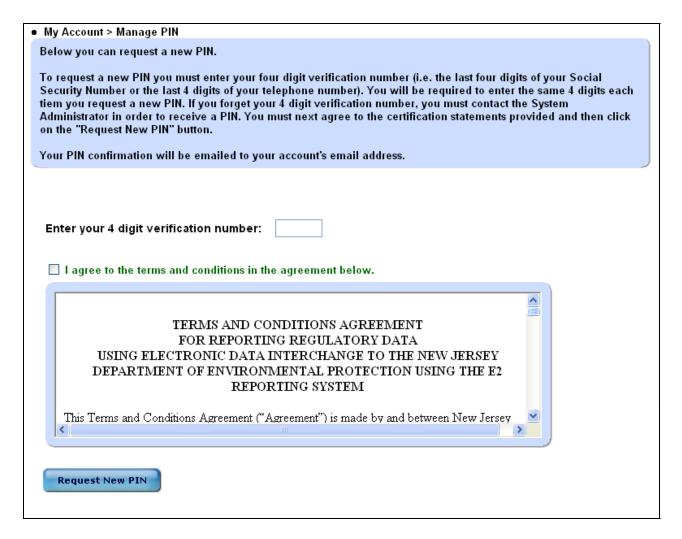
The information can be updated through the NJDEP Online User Profile at http://www.njdeponline.com.

4.3.2 Manage PIN

If you are a certifier for a laboratory, you will have (in addition to your NJDEP Online username and password) a PIN number that has been issued by NJDEP.

If you lose or forget your PIN, or feel that its security has been compromised, you can request a new PIN number by selecting the Manage PIN icon, Manage PIII. This feature depends on the user's security level and therefore may not be displayed.





The user must enter a four digit number that was defined by DEP upon original issuance of the PIN and agree to the terms and conditions stipulated on the screen. The new PIN will be sent to the user's email address. If a user has lost their PIN, they need to contact the system administrator.

4.3.3 Associated WQX Org

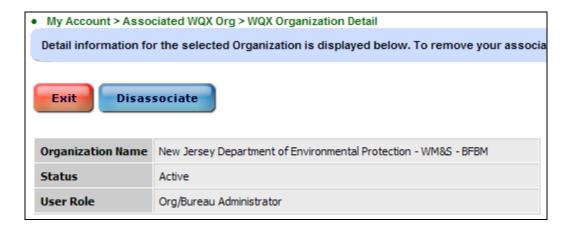
This allows the user to be associated with one or more organizations. The user needs to be associated with an organization to submit information. To see a list of the organizations that are associated with the account click the Associated WQX Org. link.





4.3.3.1 Viewing a WQX Organization

Click the to view more information about the organization. This will bring the user to the following screen.

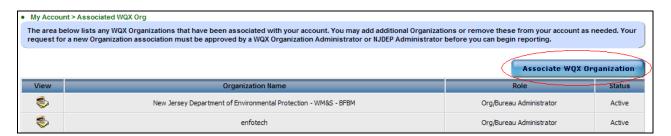


To disassociate the account from the selected organization, click the disassociate button and then Okay on the following pop-up window.



4.3.3.2 Request an Association with a Organization

To become associated with an Organization, click the Associate WQX Organization button highlighted below in red.



Then search for the organization that is desired by either name or by its ID. Once the correct organization has been found, check that check box, decide on the correct role, and then click the Associate with WQX Organization button.



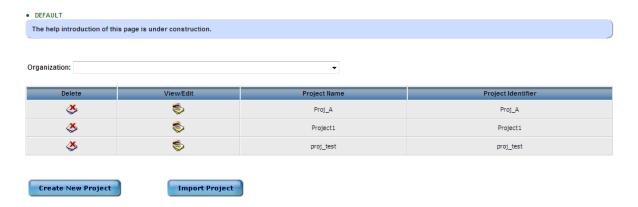


The roles are as follows

Access Right	Data Reporter	Org/Bureau Admin	WQX Admin
Submit Ambient Water Quality Data	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$
View Reference Data	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
Create/Save Configuration Files	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
Approve/Certify Submissions	×	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
Ability to Approve WQX Organization Registration Requests	X	X	\square

4.4 Create/View/Edit/Deleting Projects

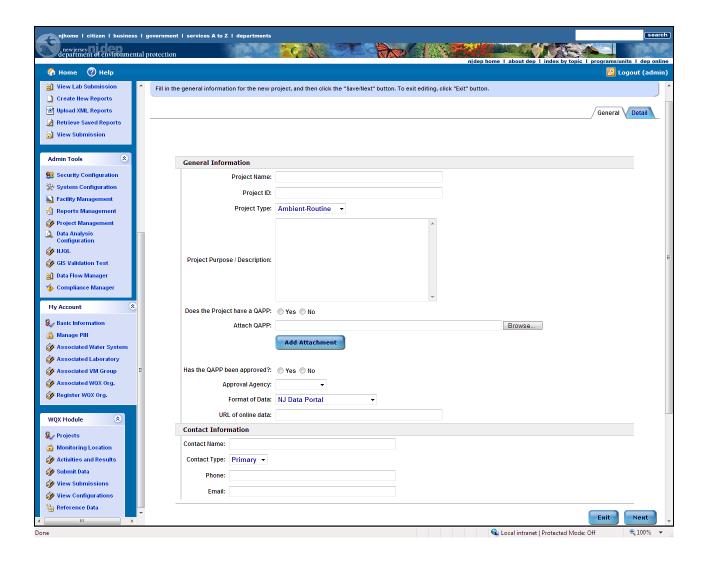
Creating, viewing, deleting and editing Projects can be done by clicking the Projects link under WQX Module, bringing the user to the following screen.

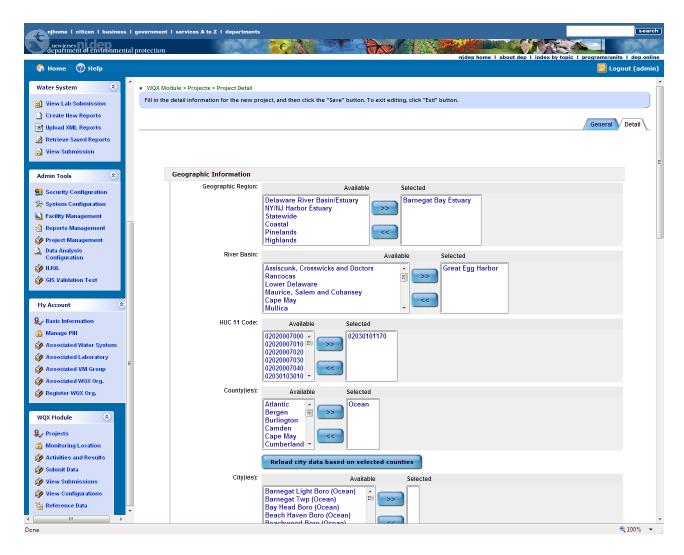


4.4.1 Creating/Importing New Projects

To create a new project, select an organization and then click the Create New Project button at the bottom of the screen. Fill in all the necessary information and then click the Save/Next button at the bottom of the screen as shown below.







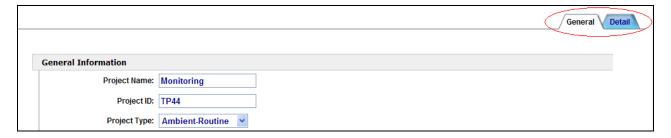
Once the second page has been successfully filled out and saved, the following message will appear to tell the user that the project has been saved in E2 and synchronized in Compass. If any failed message shows up, please contact the system administrator.



In the case of importing a project, click the import button, fill in the necessary information, and click the Next button. Details will be included in Section 5.

4.4.2 Viewing Projects

To view a project, click the icon. To switch between the general information and the detail information, use the tabs in the upper right hand corner. When the user is finished, either the Exit or the Save buttons can be pressed because no changes have been made to the project.



4.4.3 Editing Projects

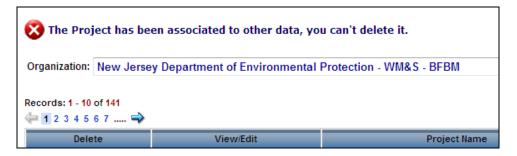
To edit a project, click the icon. Fill in all the necessary information and then click the Save/Next button at the bottom of the screen. Once the second page has been successfully filled out and saved, the following message will appear to tell the user that the project has been saved.



4.4.4 Deleting a Project

To delete a project, click the icon in the corresponding row.

If data is submitted under this project, the following error message will show up.



4.5 Create/View/Edit Monitoring Location

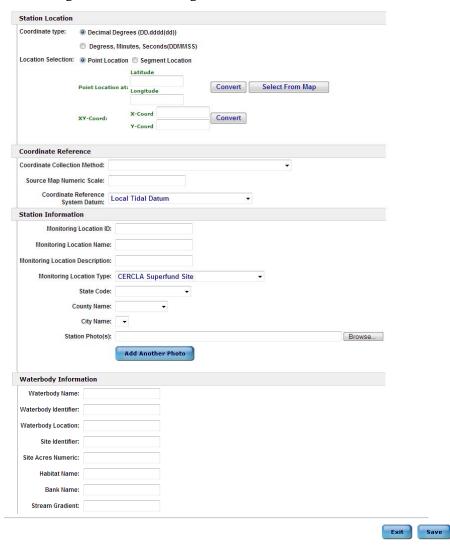
To create, view, edit, and delete a monitoring location click the Monitoring Location link so that the page below will show on the screen.





4.5.1 Creating a New Monitoring Station

To create a new monitoring station, select an organization and then click the Create New Station button.



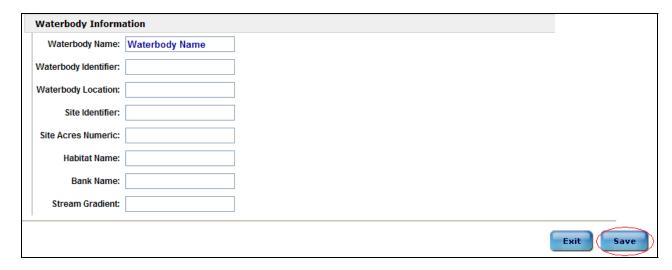
In the case of importing a station, click the import button, fill in the necessary information, and click the Next button. Details will be included in Section 5.

4.5.2 Viewing a Monitoring Station

To view a Monitoring Station, click the icon. When finished, click either the Exit or Save button since nothing was changed.

4.5.3 Editing a Monitoring Station

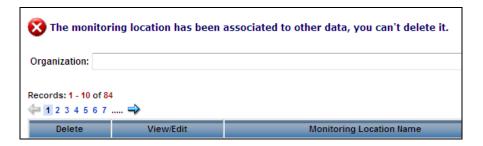
To Edit a Monitoring Station, click the icon. Change the necessary information. Click the Save button when finished to save the changes.



4.5.4 Deleting a Monitoring Station

To delete a monitoring station click the icon in the corresponding row of the monitoring station that needs to be deleted.

If data is submitted under this project, the following error message will show up.

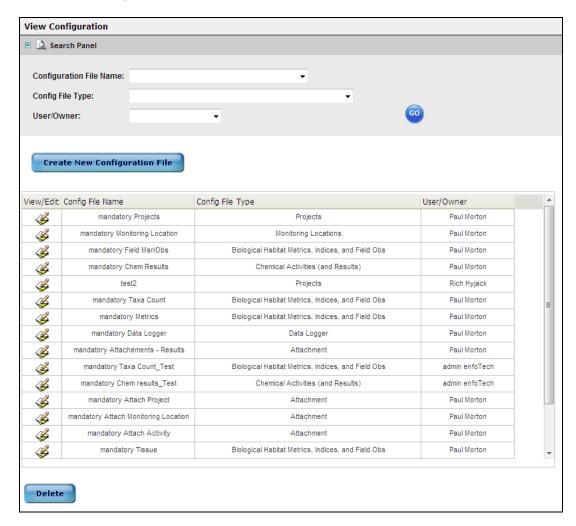


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5 Submitting Water Quality Data Reports

5.1 Import Configurations

To import configuration files for uploading to the system, first click the **View Configurations** link under the WQX Module heading.

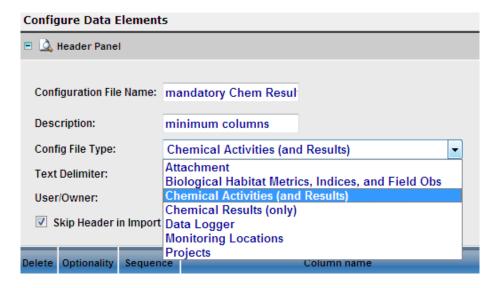


Then Click the Create New Configuration File button. Fill out the information about the header of the configuration file. If the user would prefer that there not to be a header, click on the checkbox that corresponds to skipping the header in the import file shown below. The different types of configuration files are:

- Attachment
- Biological Habitat Metrics, Indices, and Field Obs
- Chemical Activities (and Results)
- Chemical Results (Only)
- Data Logger
- Monitoring Locations
- Projects.

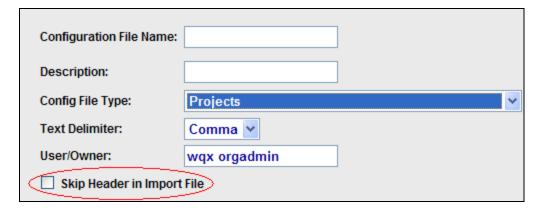
Create/Edit configuration file





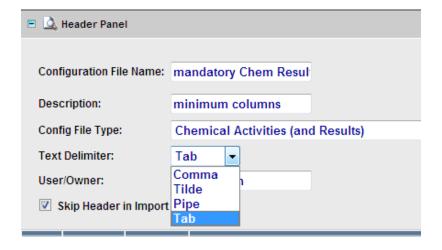
Skip Header

Check the checkbox to skip the header in the import data file.



Select correct text delimiter

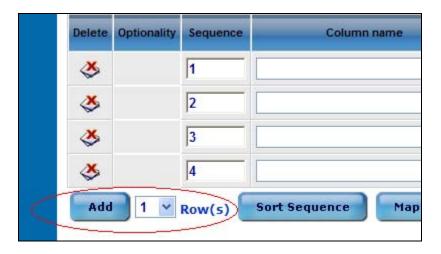
Select correct text delimiter from drop list for the import data file.





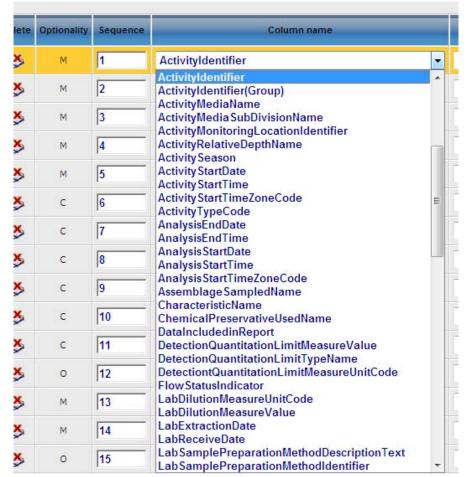
Add new rows to the configuration file

Then select the number of rows that will contain the information. Do this by clicking on the drop down menu labeled Row(s) and then click the Add Rows button to add these rows to the configuration file shown below.



Select column names from the drop down list

Once the rows have been added, fill in the necessary information by either typing it in or selecting it from the dropdown menus.



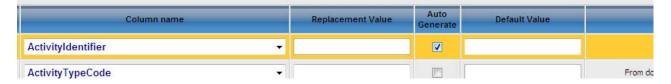


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Auto-Generate Feature for ActivityIdentifier

The system provides "Auto Generate" function for ActivityIdentifier by checking the box without supplying the Default Value.

If the user selects ActivityIdentifier as an auto-generate field in the configuration file, the user is required to supply ActivityBinaryObjectName and ActivityBinaryObjectType in the configuration file to define the attachments listed in the zip file. No separate attachment definition file is needed. Only one attachment is allowed for each activity



Auto-Generate Feature for other columns

The system also provides "Auto Generate" function by checking the box and filling the Default Value for the select data field.



Replacement Feature

The system provides "Replacement" function by filling out the replacement value in the text box.

Format Transfer

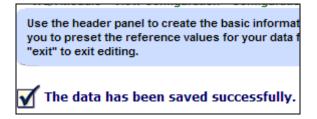
If the data field is a date or time, it can be converted to standard format.



Save the configuration file

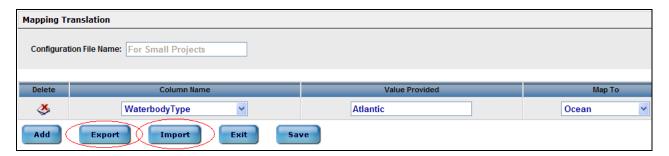
When all of the rows have been filled with information, click the Save button to save all the information. If the save was successful, a message will appear under the blue instructions as shown below.





Mapping Translation Configuration

When the file has been saved successfully, click the values to certain things. For example, the Waterbody Type field could be mapped to Ocean when there is an input of Atlantic. To add one row at a time, click the Add button. This mapping can be either imported from a text file, or exported to be seen more clearly using the buttons marked Import and Export. The Save button must be clicked to save the information.

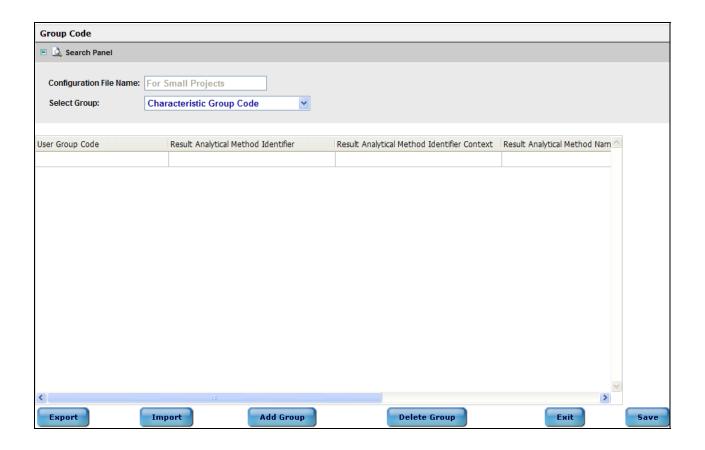


After saving the new Mapping Translation, go back to the other screen by clicking the Exit button.

Group Code predefine

The user can develop the group codes by clicking on the Codes screen is reached, click on the type of group codes that should be listed, click the add button, and then fill in the necessary information. Repeat this process until all the necessary codes have been entered. The Group Codes can be Exported or Imported by clicking the corresponding buttons at the bottom of the screen. To delete a group of codes, click the delete group button. As always, click the Save button, save the work done, and click the exit button to return to the previous screen.



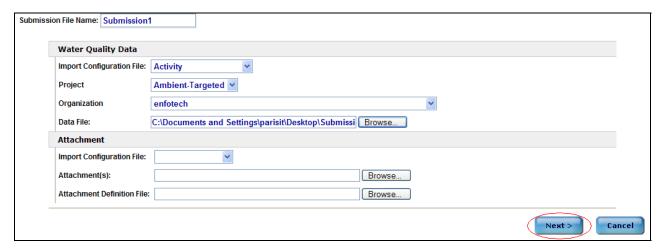


Configuration Examples

Some configuration examples could be found in the training materials.

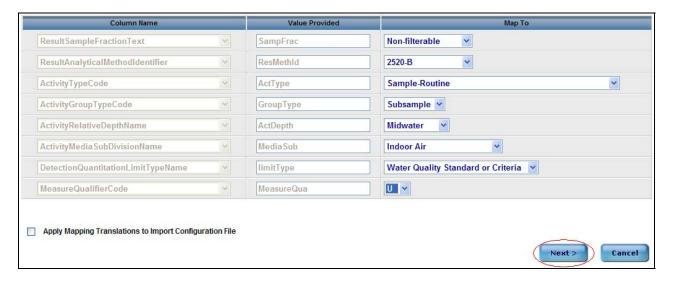
5.2 Submit Data

To submit data, the user must first click the Submit Data link. Then fill in the necessary information and click the next button to begin the submission process as indicated below.

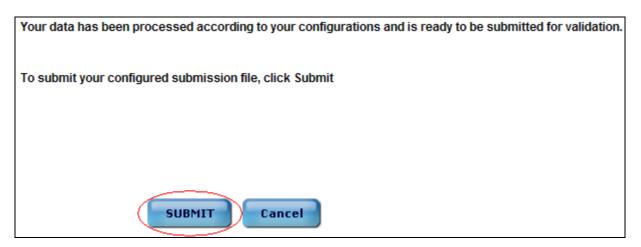




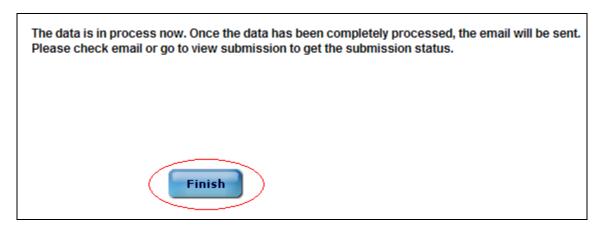
Next, map the reference table values with the values that were in the uploaded file. Then click next to continue with the submissions process.



The next screen will tell the user that the file is ready for submission. The user must either click Submit to submit the file for validation or click Cancel to return to the beginning of the submissions process.



Once the file has been submitted, an email will be sent to the user's account notifying them of the submission. The user must click the Finish button to return to the beginning of the process.





5.3 View Submissions

It is possible to view submissions after they have been submitted. To do so, click on the **View Submissions** link under the WQX Module heading. For more information please see Section 6.2.



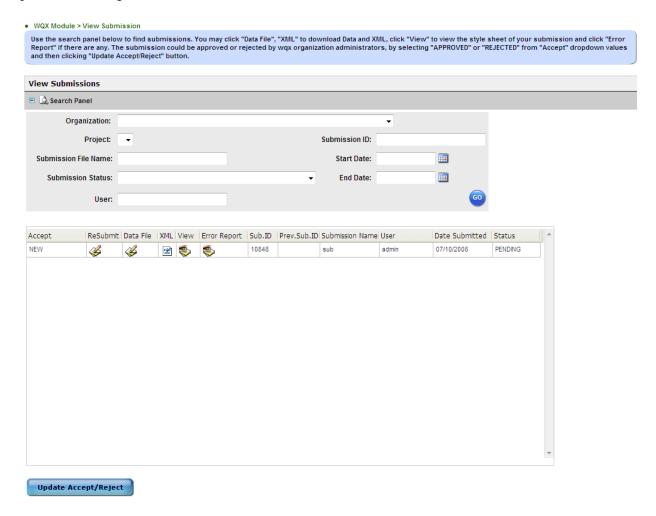
6 After Water Quality Data Reports Have Been Submitted

6.1 Post-Report Processing

After each report is submitted, E2 will send a confirmation email to the submitter notifying them that the report has been received by DEP. The E2 system will then validate the submission against a set of validation rules. This validation step will normally take at least several minutes to complete. Once this is completed, an email to the submitter will be sent out notifying the submitter of the status of the submission.

6.2 Viewing Submissions

After a file has been submitted to E2, it is accessible for viewing at any time. To view a Water Data submission, click on the View Submission icon, View Submission in the left functional area. This will open the following screen.



6.2.1 Searching the Submissions

To Search for certain submissions fill out the search criteria at the top of the page to the best of the user's ability and click the Go button.





6.2.2 Resubmitting Data Files

In the event that a submission failed to transfer, click the Resubmit link, for the failed submission. Clicking the icon will bring the user to the first screen of the Submission process.

6.2.3 Data File

To view the exact data file that was used in the creation of the submission report, click the Data File icon, for the desired submission. The file will appear on the screen after the link if clicked.



6.2.4 Download XML file

This page also allows the user to download the XML submission file by clicking on the XML icon This will bring up the following message box.

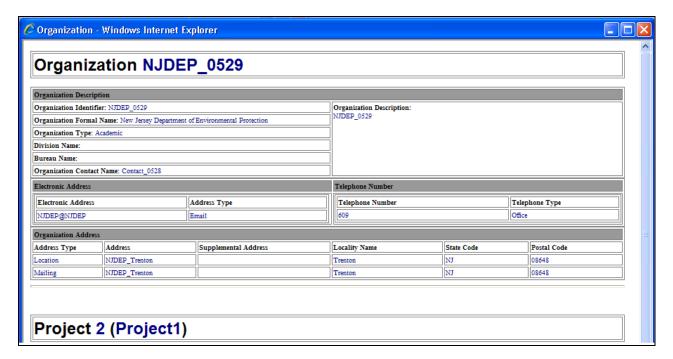




To open the file in a new window without saving, click Open. Alternately, the user can click Cancel if they do not wish to save or open the file. However, if the user wishes to download the XML submission file, click Save, at which point the user will be prompted to respond with the location in which they wish to save the file.

6.2.5 Viewing the Submission

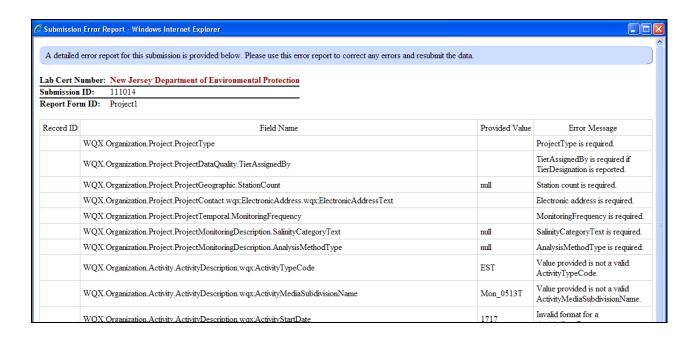
To view the submission, click the view icon, to see the submission as a form.



6.2.6 Viewing the Error Report

To view the error report of the submission, click on the icon of the corresponding submission.

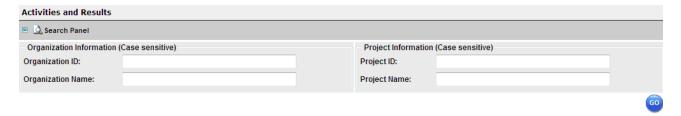




6.3 View Activities and Results

6.3.1 Viewing Activities

After the submission passes the validation, the activities and results can be viewed by clicking on the Activities and Results link. The following page will be displayed. To search for a specific result, fill in the text fields as much as possible and then click the Go button.

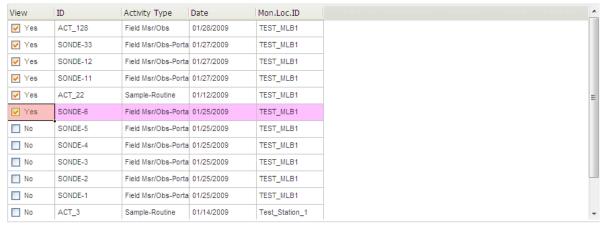


6.3.2 Viewing Results

To view an Activity Result, click the checkbox in the corresponding row. To select all the checkboxes, click the first button. To deselect all of the checkboxes, click the second button. Then click the View Results for Selected Activities button to see all the results. They appear under the three buttons seen below.



Activities:



Select All

Select None

View Results for Selected Actitities

Results:

Final	Activities Identifier	Characteristic Name	Result	Unit	Qualifier
No No	SONDE-33	Specific conductance	200	uS/cm	
No No	SONDE-33	Specific conductance	200.01	uS/cm	
No No	SONDE-33	Specific conductance	200.02	uS/cm	
No No	SONDE-33	Specific conductance	200.03	uS/cm	
No No	SONDE-33	Specific conductance	200.04	uS/cm	
No No	SONDE-33	Specific conductance	200.05	uS/cm	
No No	SONDE-12	Temperature, water	10.1	deg C	
No No	SONDE-12	Temperature, water	10.2	deg C	
No No	SONDE-12	Temperature, water	10.3	deg C	
No	SONDE-12	Temperature, water	10.4	deg C	
No No	SONDE-12	Temperature, water	10.5	deg C	
No No	SONDE-12	Temperature, water	10.6	deg C	
■ No	SONDE-12	Alkalinity, Carbonate as CaCO	7.1	None	





Save



7 Glossary

Term	Definition
Administrator	 User Account Level which has the following privileges: Allowed to download, prepare, upload, review, and certify the accuracy of electronic reports. Allowed to submit electronic reports to the state agency. If the user's account is associated with a laboratory the user will have the following additional privilege: Allowed to approve or deny requests from others requesting to be associated with the laboratory.
	If the user's account is associated with a water system the user will have the following additional privileges: • Allowed to approve or deny requests from others requesting to be
	 associated with the water system. Allowed to view laboratory reports submitted on behalf of the water system. Allowed to manage which laboratories may submit electronic Drinking Water Reports on the behalf of the water system.
Certifier	User Account Level which has the following privileges: • Allowed to download, prepare, upload, review, and certify the accuracy of electronic reports. • Allowed to submit electronic reports to the state agency. If the user's account is associated with a water system the user will have
	the following additional privilege: • Allowed to view laboratory reports submitted on behalf of the water system.
COMPASS	NJDEP's database used to manage WQX data
DWR E2	Drinking Water Reports New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Electronic Environmental Reporting System. A web-based information system that allows laboratories and the regulated community to electronically submit reports to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
Electronic Signature Agreement	Serves as a formal agreement between each PIN holder (Certifier) and the Department regarding the responsibilities and use of their PIN
NJDEP	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
NJDEP Online	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Online portal system located at http://www.njdeponline.com



Term	Definition
NJEMS	New Jersey Environmental Management System: An integrated transactional Oracle database that contains the NJDEP's major program databases
NJQL	New Jersey Quantitation Limit program, which allows laboratories to submit quantification levels to DEP as part of the Lab Certification program.
Personal Identification Number	A sequence of alpha-numeric characters assigned to a Certifier by NJDEP so as to uniquely identify Certifier
Preparer	 User Account Level which has the following privileges: Allowed to download and prepare electronic reports. Allowed to view electronic reports and past submissions, but not certify or upload any submissions.
	If the user's account is associated with a water system the user will have the following additional privilege:
	Allowed to view laboratory reports submitted on behalf of the water system.
PIN	Personal Identification Number
Responsible Official	 A Responsible Official as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:18-1.9 is as follows: For a corporation: A principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president. For a partnership: A general partner. For a sole proprietorship: The proprietor For a government agency: Either a principal executive officer or his or her designee
SDWIS/State	Safe Drinking Water Information System State version: NJDEP's database used to manage the Safe Drinking Water Act
Submission ID	A unique number generated by E2 and assigned to each submission.
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
WQDE	Water Quality Data Exchange
WQX	Water Quality Exchange
XML	Extensible Markup Language (XML) is a recommended standard by World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) for generic data communication (http://www.w3.org/TR/2000/REC-xml-20001006).
XML Schema	Defines the data element names, definitions, order, required fields, and data types for all elements in an XML file.

