

## **NPR**

To assist in implementation of WVDEP's "Permitting Guidance for Surface Coal Mining Operations to Protect West Virginia's Narrative Water Quality Standards" issued on August 12, 2010, provide a narrative including justification for each outlet as either precipitation-induced or non-precipitation induced. Precipitation-induced justification should include flow correlated with rainfall data. If activities behind a particular non-precipitation induced outlet meet the definition of "substantially complete" per the guidance, provide this information in the narrative justification accordingly. Describe history of activities behind the outlet, what control measures are in place, and why no additional control measures could be implemented. "Substantially complete" outlets will not require BAS/WET.

Any non-precipitation induced outlets will require Biological Assessment Stations (BAS) as well as additional stations needed to assess entire aquatic ecosystem health. Please provide a monitoring plan with proposed BAS locations. Contact the regional Environmental Resource Analyst to set up a site visit to approve BAS locations. A baseline benthic survey is required along with the associated chemical monitoring suite described in the guidance document for each required BAS location.

Provide an Aquatic Ecosystem Protection Plan (AEPP) to describe control measures the permittee will implement to achieve WET limitations and minimize impact to the aquatic ecosystem for any NON-CONSTRUCTED OUTLETS which are NON-PRECIPITATION INDUCED. A revision of the associated Article 3 permit may be required to include newly identified onsite control measures in the AEPP. DO NOT include any chemical or biological monitoring information in the AEPP.

Therefore, NWQS info MUST be divided into 4 separate attachments as follows: NWQS justification, Monitoring Plan, Baseline Benthic Survey, and AEPP.