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EPA's Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Control Policy

In July 1992, EPA released a national policy on the control of whole effluent toxicity (WET) in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. This policy reflects the Agency's experience during the last five years in implementing the Clean Water Act and existing regulatory requirements. EPA expects the policy to promote greater national consistency in the control of WET.

This policy, which was released in print form under the title "Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Control Policy: Policy for the Development of Effluent Limitations in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits to Control Whole Effluent Toxicity for the Protection of Aquatic Life", document number EPA 833-B-94-002, is also available in electronic form.

Persons with modems may dial into and register to use EPA's Nonpoint Source Bulletin Board System (NPS BBS), on which the policy is stored. The NPS BBS is accessible via modem at 301 589-0205 (in Maryland). The file is located in the [F]ile library, under the "public uploads" menu. **The file name for the policy document is "WET.ZIP"**. There is no online charge to use the NPS BBS, but you must pay any long-distance telephone access charges for the modem access. Communications parameters for the BBS are N-8-1. Once on the BBS, you may use the "L" command to locate the uploaded file by its name.

If you have any questions about the WET policy or use of the Nonpoint Source BBS, please contact EPA Office of Wastewater Management's Kevin Rosseel (202 260-3715) or Traci Brown (202 260-8487).