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## **Compliance Bulletin**

## Division of Mining and Reclamation: eDMR-Alternate Limit Codes & Average pH Reporting

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In order to address eDMR program coding being mis-read by the EPA ICIS database, the following coding will be required on both File Upload and Manual Entry eDMRs:

- On NPDES permits with Alternate
   Effluent Limits (such as Alternate Storm
   Limits for Total Suspended Solids vs.
   Settleable Solids) begin using the code,
   "Conditional Monitoring" at the parameter
   level for the Alternate Limit that is NOT
   being report for that period.
- In many existing NPDES permits, the effluent limit for Average pH is shown as Report Only. Starting with the third calendar quarter of 2018 if there is an Average pH shown as Report Only, on any permit, please place the arithmetic average of the Minimum and Maximum pH for that monitoring period. This will stop the absence of a value, in this field, as being shown as a violation in the EPA ICIS system.

The choice of Report Only for pH
Average Limit will not be available for
future permitting actions. This should
help solve this problem in the future.
We are working on a programming
solution for all existing permits.

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