

Measurement Assurance and Certification Scotland

Performance Standard MACS-WAT-02: Sample and data management

Addendum B

The following clause shall be inserted in to performance standard MACS-WAT-02 'Sample and data management' (Version 2, August 2017):

6.4.5 Intermittent discharges

If a required effluent discharge sample cannot be collected because flow conditions have resulted in insufficient sample volume availability, then the operator is required to reorganise sample collection in compliance with clause 6.4.4. If there continues to be no sample available for collection at the reorganised sampling visit, the monitoring location is termed an 'intermittent discharge'.

In these situations, the operator is not required to continue to reorganise sample collection at that monitoring location in order to fulfil the monitoring requirements associated with the original scheduled sampling event. For any affected parameter, the operator shall proceed to submit to SEPA a delay reason of 'No discharge' whilst identifying the parameter as cancelled; ensuring that all mandatory requirements listed in their data specification (see 6.5.1) are also submitted as normal.

NOTE 1: This guidance also applies to the collection of additional samples (see 6.5.9), with the exception of reference to a 'scheduled' sampling event.

NOTE 2: This guidance does not apply when failure to collect a sample was not caused by absence of flow (e.g. malfunctioning automatic sampling device, no site access etc.).

The instructions laid out in this addendum are effective from 1 November 2017.

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