



IT'S JUST ONE OF THE THINGS WE DO

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Keeping up on changing rules and regulations, as well as various requirements and requests, is not always an easy thing to do. In this electronic age, unless you are subscribed to the proper information disseminating e-mail, text, whatever those things are called, you may very well miss vital information pertaining to a rule, regulation, requirement or request until you get that letter from DEC stating it's time to comply with that rule, regulation, requirement or request. You stare at that letter and say "HUH???" That's where we, the New York Rural Water Association, come in. Over the years we have developed a relationship with DEC. We bring your questions, comments and concerns to DEC and work to gain a better understanding of a rule, regulation, requirement or request in order to provide you with the most accurate and up to date information and guidance to help you comply with that rule, regulation, requirement or request.

After receiving several e-mail, text and phone questions from operators regarding DEC's Request for Information (RFI) and Mixing Zone Analysis (MZA) form, we contacted DEC and set up a meeting to address your questions. At the first meeting we brought up the fact that there was no written guidance accompanying the RFI or MZA form. While the information being requested is important, it's difficult to supply accurate and meaningful information if you don't know how, why, where or when to collect that information. Many municipalities were turning the RFI and MZA form over to their engineer. After explaining the MZA form, questions and suggestions were exchanged. A follow-up meeting was planned where an updated draft MZA form was to be presented. At that follow-up meeting, the draft MZA form, as well as guidance documents, were presented for review. The draft MZA forms were simpler and easier to understand. The guidance documents explained, step by step, what was being requested and where and how to gather it. At the end of that meeting we were better equipped to assist you in complying with submitting the RFI and MZA form.

Having a better understanding of the RFI and MZA proved helpful shortly thereafter. The Village of Tivoli had received the RFI and MZA form. During a technical assistance visit Chief Operator Les Coon said he was unsure what was being requested and how to submit it. Armed with the new found understanding of the process, we were able to guide Les through the process, from gathering data on his outfall to properly filling out the application required in the RFI.

We will continue to work with DEC to provide you with accurate and up to date information, guidance and assistance to help you better comply with rules, regulations, requirements and requests. It's just one of the things we do. 💧💧

