

## Explanatory Note

# Annual Reporting Requirements for Recycled Water Schemes

The purpose of this explanatory note is to help operators of recycled water schemes understand the DHA annual reporting requirements for recycled water schemes and how these reports can assist them to better understand and operate their systems.

## Why is an annual report required?

Wastewater must receive adequate treatment so that it is safe to reuse. In order to check that the treatment plant is operating correctly, the recycled water quality must be monitored regularly. The requirement for monitoring is specified in the approval that is issued for the recycled water scheme.

The approval also specifies the requirement for an annual report to be submitted to DHA. Annual reports are required by DHA to confirm that the treatment plant was operating within the approved limits and the recycled water produced did not pose a risk to public health. This reporting process also provides an opportunity for operators to review system performance over the year.

What we ask for	Why we ask for it	Benefits to you
<i>Recycled water quality test results</i>	If a treatment plant complies with the minimum water quality criteria and monitoring program specified in the approval, this provides us with confidence that the recycled water system is managed appropriately.	Reviewing monitoring results annually allows you to identify trends, detect problems and can help determine priorities for improving the management of the system or optimising its performance.
<i>Investigations and corrective actions for any non-compliant results</i>	This information provides confidence that public health risks are being identified and addressed. It also allows us to monitor wider trends in the industry so that measures can be taken to improve the performance of the industry as a whole (e.g. technical advice or training).	Timely and effective investigations and corrective actions ensure that any risks to public health are controlled consistent with your legislated responsibilities. Documenting incidents and responses allows you to understand and avoid future incidents.

## For more information

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