

DNCR Responses to posed questions regarding project #CAP2610.

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1. Soil Borings & Temporary Groundwater Wells

- The exact number and locations of soil borings and temporary groundwater wells are not predefined in the RFB. These will be identified and detailed as part of the contractor's Sampling & Analysis Plan (SAP) submitted after Notice to Proceed.

Contractors are expected to propose specific locations based on historical data provided by DNCR, site conditions and project objectives within your SAP submittal.

2. Site-Specific Access, Safety, Seasonal Considerations

During the sampling window June 1 – July 31, 2026, note the following:

- Terrain at Mount Washington State Park may be rugged, steep, and exposed at high elevation (4,600 ft+), with potential for sudden weather shifts. The RFB emphasizes contractor site familiarity prior to bidding.
- There are no specific restrictions or seasonal site closures mentioned, but seasonal weather (e.g. wind, fog, precipitation) may impose field constraints.
- Contractors must show they can meet NHDES Env-Or 600/610 and EPA Region-1 QAPP/QA-R5 safety standards.

Early site visits are strongly recommended to assess access logistics, staging areas, safety protocols, and seasonal challenges.

3. Availability of Historical Data / Prior Assessment Reports

- The RFB does not reference any existing environmental reports or historical data, but this information will be provided by DNCR to the winning bidder. There are a few known sites that have records of previous contamination and will be mapped out for the winning bidder.
- Independent review of any public information to propose SAP locations appropriately is recommended, most of the contamination occurred prior to DNCR owning the property.

Unless posted in addenda, no internal DNCR data are guaranteed to be available—independent research on historical site documents will be needed prior to SAP development.

4. QAPP & EPA Approval

- The RFB mandates development of a full EPA Region-1-compliant QAPP to accompany the SAP.
- It requires submission of the Final QAPP within 30 days of NTP (due by June 30, 2026)
- While Region-1 QAPP compliance is required, there is no explicit statement regarding EPA's direct approval before field work. Nonetheless, meeting all EPA QA/R-5 requirements is mandatory
- Given this timeline, anticipate review cycles and potential revisions; EPA or NHDES may require approval before field mobilization.

5. Laboratory Selection for PFAS & Other Analytes

- Laboratory analyses must include PFAS (EPA Method 1633), VOCs, SVOCs, PAHs, TPH, and metals.
- The RFB does not specify any required/preferred laboratory—selection is at the contractor's discretion, if the chosen lab can analyze PFAS via EPA 1633 and meet regulatory standards.

Choosing a lab qualified in Method 1633A (latest December 2024 version) with demonstrated QA capabilities under Region 1 criteria would be advisable.

6. Data Usability Summary Report (DUSR) & EDD Format/Template Requirements

- The contractor must provide a Data Usability Summary Report (DUSR) and both draft and final reports including figures, tables, logs, well construction details, lab reports, and electronic data deliverables (EDD).
- The RFB does not prescribe a specific template, but compliance with EPA Region-1 QAPP and NHDES Env-Or requirements is expected—implying use of industry-standard formats for DUSR and EDD.

Contractors should propose formats that align with NHDES/EPA Region 1 standard submittals; if needed, clarification can be requested via the bid questions deadline (May 13) to ensure compliance.