

**Below is the text of a notice that DEQ received from EPA on 4/28/2008**

Dear States and Regions:

We in CAMD wanted to let you know about an exciting new chapter in the operation of the Acid Rain, NOx Budget, and Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) emissions trading programs. On April 1, we launched the Emissions Collection and Monitoring Plan System (ECMPS), which replaces the Emissions Tracking System (ETS), the Monitoring Data Checker (MDC) software, and a host of other related systems that are used to quality assure emissions data. ETS and some of the other systems have been in use since the Acid Rain Program began in the early 1990's.

ECMPS will be required beginning in the first quarter of 2009, but it is available for use this year. On the first day, sources successfully submitted 16 files to us. Monitoring Plan, QA/Cert Test, and Quarterly Emissions Data files can be submitted using ECMPS.

ECMPS uses a new data format which is XML-based (eXtensible Markup Language), which replaces the text-based EDR format. As a result, sources will no longer use MDC or ETS-FTP/SecuRemote software to review/submit data after fourth quarter 2008. Instead, ECMPS replaces these software tools and provides the necessary data evaluation and submittal functions.

CAMD is strongly encouraging your sources to visit the EPA's ECMPS web page at <http://www.epa.gov/airmarkets/business/ecmps/index.html> . CAMD is also encouraging your sources to contact and coordinate with their CEMS/DAHS vendor. The vendors have been testing ECMPS and commenting on the Reporting Instructions and XML schema documents for the last two years and are intimately familiar with the upgrade.

If you or your sources have questions or wish to be added to the ECMPS Stakeholder email group to receive updates about ECMPS, please email Laurel DeSantis at [desantis.laurel@epa.gov](mailto:desantis.laurel@epa.gov).

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