

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
WATER PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT DIVISION**

Data Submittal Instructions Pursuant to the
2026 Integrated Report on Water Quality in Louisiana (Clean Water Act §303(d) and §305(b))

Scientifically valid data collected as part of a governmental agency, university, industry, or private organization study can be submitted for consideration in assessing Louisiana's water bodies. Appropriate Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and/or equivalent documents are required as part of the submittal. The U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared a QAPP [guidance document](#). All data must comply with requirements set forth in LDEQ's Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Network (AWQMN) [QAPP](#). Data that falls outside the scope of LDEQ's AWQMN QAPP must be reviewed by LDEQ for scientific merit and accuracy. Data sets not meeting the quality requirements outlined in the QAPP may be precluded from use for water quality assessment purposes. LDEQ encourages entities that regularly collect surface water chemical/physical data to upload their data through the EPA [Water Quality Exchange](#) (WQX) so that data can be easily accessed in an electronic and compatible format. Data submitted directly to LDEQ must be formatted using the LDEQ Data Submittal Template. An individual responsible for the quality and accuracy of data submitted directly to LDEQ must attest to that accuracy by signing the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Certification statement found below.

Notification of data submittal with EPA WQX Organization ID, data and associated documents submitted directly to LDEQ, as well as questions concerning LDEQ's 2024 list of impaired water bodies, the CWA §303(d), or this request for information, should be submitted electronically to Rachael.Mathews@la.gov. All correspondence should specify: AI Number 169294.

The deadline for receipt of data is Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

Quality Assurance/Quality Control Certification

I attest that I am familiar with LDEQ's quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures and hereby certify that the data submitted for consideration as part of Louisiana's 2026 §303(d) listing procedures, meets or exceeds these requirements. LDEQ's QA/QC protocol for water quality monitoring is defined in the AWQMN QAPP. Further, all persons involved in collection and analysis of this data have been properly trained and supervised in appropriate QA/QC procedures as defined above.

Signature: _____
Print name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Submittal Checklist:

- ☐ Signed Quality Assurance/Quality Control Certification statement
- ☐ Appropriate QAPP and/or equivalent documents
- ☐ Data formatted using LDEQ's Data Submittal Template