

## Operational Evaluations for Water Systems | Why Do They Matter?

To ensure the protection of drinking water quality, operational evaluations are required when a water system exceeds its operational evaluation level (OEL).

Think of these evaluations as preventative measures to avoid more serious Disinfection Byproduct (DBP) exceedances.

A water system's OEL is determined by its monitoring results as outlined in the DBP Rules (Safe Drinking Water Act). If you don't know how to calculate your facility's OEL, your ADEQ Compliance Assistance Coordinator is available to help | [Contact Your Coordinator >](#)

For additional information and guidance, including links to EPA guidance for OELs, visit ADEQ's DBP Rules Page | [Go to Page >](#)



### ***Stay in Compliance!***

Any operational evaluation conducted should be reported to ADEQ **within 90 days** of the OEL exceedance.\*

OEL reports:

Full report | [View/Download >](#)

Limited scope report | [View/Download >](#)

*\*If you do not complete an OEL report or fail to provide one within 90 days, your water system will receive a violation.*



### ***Keep in Mind!***

OELs are required if your facility is a:

- Community public water system that uses disinfectants
- Non-Transient Non-Community public water system that uses disinfectants
- Transient Non-Community water system that uses chlorine dioxide

**Submit documentation to:**

WQD\_Compliance\_Data@azdeq.gov

### **About ADEQ**

Under the Environmental Quality Act of 1986, the Arizona State Legislature established the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in 1987 as the state agency for protecting and enhancing public health and the environment of Arizona. For more information, visit [azdeq.gov](http://azdeq.gov).