



# CCR Changes for 2016

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## Revised Total Coliform Rule



On February 1, 2015, the State of New Hampshire implemented the new Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR). This new rule may necessitate a few changes and additions to the content of your Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). This document summarizes the changes and will help you enter required information into your CCR.

### **Reporting Detections**

Your CCR must include any detection of regulated contaminants noted in the past calendar year (or the last time sampled, as far back as 5 years). Under RTCR, total coliform bacteria are no longer a regulated contaminant. E.coli still is. Any E.coli detection must be reported in a table in accordance with Env-Dw 811.12 (i.e.);

- Identify the total number of positive samples.
  - Provide information on the likely source of E.coli which may be available in sanitary survey reports, source water assessments or triggered RTCR assessment.
  - Provide the source information language specified in Env-Dw 811.22 for E. coli, if the CWS owner lacks specific information on the likely source(s) of contamination.
  - Provide the applicable health effects paragraph specified in Env-Dw 804.01(b).
- If E.coli was detected **AND** the E.coli MCL was **NOT** violated, a statement explaining that although E.coli has been detected, the system has not violated the E.coli MCL may be included.

### **Listing RTCR Violations**

The CCR must list any violation received in the past year or still open from a previous year (Env-Dw 811.10). For a list of your violations go to your OneStop page and select the "V" icon at the top of the page. In the CCR you must;

- Clearly explain each violation.
- Identify the date of and duration of the violation and if it continues.
- Describe actions taken to address the violation.
- Describe potential health effects (\*for MCL, MRDL & treatment technique violations only).

Violations of the RTCR are no different, except, per Env-Dw 811.17(h), however **any violations of the E.coli MCL** must also include one of the following statements;

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- “We had an *E.coli* positive repeat sample following a total coliform-positive routine sample.”
- “We had a total coliform positive repeat sample following an *E.coli* positive routine sample.”
- “We failed to take all required repeat samples following an *E.coli* positive routine sample.”
- “We failed to test for *E.coli* when any repeat sample tests positive for total coliform.”

### **Assessments**

If under RTCR the water system triggered any Level 1 assessments or Level 2 assessments not due to *E.coli* or any Level 2 assessments due to *E.coli* in the past calendar year, you are required to include the text in Env-Dw 811.17 in your CCR. This language includes the number of assessments triggered and conducted along with the number of required corrective actions and corrective actions taken. Be sure to include the required language for any assessments not conducted or for any sanitary defects not corrected.

**NOTE:** The required assessment language is different for each of the 3 types of Assessments. Be sure to use the correct language.

Additional resources are available on the NHDES CCR webpage; go to [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov), select A to Z topics, select “Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report.” Templates, Guidelines, Common Mistake Corrections, and Delivery Methods can be found on the webpage to assist you in preparing your CCR. Please feel free to use these templates and add any text needed to meet your system’s individual demands. Using the templates will help you include all of the required information.

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