## Public Notification Timeline (see 314 CMR 16.04(5))

Any timeline extensions must be requested and approved by the Commissioner.

### Diagram

- **Discharge / Overflow begins**
  - Confirmation / discovery timeline requirements differ; see table below

- **Confirm / discover that an event has occurred**
  - Up to 2 hours

- **Send Public Advisory Notification**
  - Update website the next business day or sooner

- **Add event to the permittee’s website**

### Table

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<th>Event Type</th>
<th>Details</th>
<th>Confirmation / discovery timeline</th>
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<td>Monitored with metering &amp; 24/7 staffing</td>
<td>After the meter reading is sent, you have up to 2 hours to confirm that the event has occurred</td>
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<td>CSO</td>
<td>Monitored with metering, no 24/7 staffing</td>
<td>After the meter reading is sent, you have up to 4 hours to confirm that the event has occurred</td>
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<td>CSO</td>
<td>Monitored with modeling</td>
<td>Discovery occurs when the model predicts that a CSO is occurring</td>
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<td>SSO</td>
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<td>After receiving relevant information, you have up to 4 hours to confirm that the event has occurred</td>
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<td>Partially Treated</td>
<td>Due to diverting a portion of the flow around a treatment process</td>
<td>Discovery occurs when the permittee begins diverting flow</td>
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<td>Due to process failure</td>
<td>Discovery occurs when the permittee becomes aware of the discharge</td>
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Update Report timeline (see 314 CMR 16.04(7) and 16.04(8))

If an event is ongoing at the time of the initial Public Advisory Notification, issue Public Advisory Notification update(s).

Send Public Advisory Notification for ongoing event

Send Notification (update)

Event ceases

Send Notification (ceased)

While the event is still ongoing, send an Update Report every 8 hours
Data System timeline (see 314 CMR 16.07)

Every time you send out a notification, you have 18 hours to report that notification into the Data System. This also holds for "update" and "ceased" notifications.

For events that are ongoing at the time the Public Advisory Notification is sent:
You have the option to bundle multiple notifications into one report. Below is an example.
Retraction Timeline (see 314 CMR 16.04(9))

If you discover that no discharge occurred within 48 hours of issuing the Public Advisory Notification, send a retraction.
If you discover that no discharge occurred more than 48 hours after issuing the Public Advisory Notification, you are not required to send a retraction.