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Subject: NPDES Permit Numbers

Good morning Elizabeth and Dave –

I'm hoping either of you can educate me on how an NPDES permit is issued and how the numbering convention works. It's my understanding that the first two alpha digits are CA since the permit is in California. The third alpha digit can be G for General, S for Storm water, etc and the remaining numeric digits are a running sequence. Is that correct? Also, it is my understanding that USEPA staff assign NPDES permit numbers. Is there a specific individual who is responsible for assigning and keeping track of those permit numbers?

The purpose of my inquisition is that I very recently discovered that our Region 8 Scrap Metal Permit's NPDES permit number is nearly identical to a Region 8 individual NPDES permit for a crude oil processing facility (CAG618001 vs CAS618001). Are these two unique permit numbers (since the G and S are the only differing digit) or was there a typo and that they are in fact the same number? The Scrap Metal Permit was originally adopted in 2012, however the crude oil permit number goes back to the mid 90s.

When I entered CAG618001 in the NPDES Permit web search tool (https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/aps/f?p=GPWI:HOME:0::::), the Scrap Metal Permit displays, however when I search using the crude oil permit number, no results are found.

Any input or guidance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. If a phone call is easier to discuss this convoluted issue, I can try to schedule one for next week. Unfortunately my schedule is pretty full, mostly due to the CASQA conference but I can try to squeeze in a meeting if either of you are available.

Thank you ~ MRB

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