



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

Winery Wastewater Ponds FAQ's

- Q. If the winery is shut down for holiday, do I have to submit monitoring for that period?
A. Monitoring should be completed as required. If however, the facility is completely shut down, write in the "comments" section that the facility was closed. If you do not complete all the monitoring as required, it is at the facility's own risk should something go wrong with the ponds during that period.
- Q. If the person responsible for monitoring is on vacation, do we have to monitor?
A. You must have a back up person. This is not an acceptable reason not to complete your monitoring.
- Q. How often do I need to submit my reports?
A. If you are using the internet for reporting, you may submit data as frequently as you wish, however no less frequently than quarterly.
- Q. What do I do when the dissolved oxygen levels in the pond drop suddenly or drop to less than acceptable levels?
A. Contact an engineer or consultant in this matter. There may be several options available to revive the ponds. What is equally important however is that you determine the cause and try to prevent such occurrence in the future. Be sure to report these activities in the "comments" section.
- Q. What are the acceptable limits for DO, pH, and Freeboard?
A. DO = 2.0 or higher
PH = 6.0-9.0
Freeboard = 2.0 feet or greater
- Q. Where do I measure freeboard from?
A. Freeboard is the vertical distance from the water level to the top of the pond berm (dike).
- Q. What do I do if I want to clean out the sludge from my ponds?
Contact Division of Environmental Health Staff at 707-253-4471. There are specific things that may be permitted and some that aren't. You must coordinate this prior to commencing work and have all required paperwork in order. These activities should be reported in the comments.