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**Memorandum – Laboratory Certification is going live in ePermitting!**

Starting on Wednesday June 3, 2026, our Office will be moving fully into ePermitting as our environmental program for laboratories certified by South Carolina. Many laboratories are already in ePermitting for other programs including many SCDES Bureau of Water programs. This change will affect all aspects of our Program including certificates, invoices, reports, notifications, etc.

ePermitting supports the following core functionalities of our Program including:

- Laboratory submissions such as applications, renewals, evaluation responses and director changes
- Compliance Actions from our Office such as evaluation reports and PT CAR notices
- Invoices and their associated payments can both be handled via ePermitting if desired

**What does this mean for laboratories certified by South Carolina?** A site already exists in ePermitting for laboratories currently certified by our Program. However, before the laboratory can send us any submissions using ePermitting, an account will need to be associated with the correct site.

**The following will occur on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026: Laboratories will be notified via email from the ePermitting system with a request to join the correct site.** After the laboratory accepts this request, they will be live in the system, and our Office will be notified at that time. It is very important that we have the valid e-mail address for the laboratory director in our system to ensure that they receive this request. Please note the laboratory director can change contact information once the laboratory is live in ePermitting.

**For laboratories not yet certified – these laboratories must create a site in ePermitting first (see link below)** Please note that all laboratories that wish to be certified must use ePermitting.

**How do I create a site in ePermitting?** The main ePermitting website is located here - <https://www.des.sc.gov/permits-regulations/permit-central/epermitting>

**The ePermitting training website can be found here -** <https://www.des.sc.gov/permits-regulations/permit-central/epermitting-training> There will be a separate Lab Cert training page available once we officially go-live in ePermitting.

ePermitting will be the primary system for information transmittal between laboratories and our Office. It will be up to the laboratory to use ePermitting to ensure that our Office receives applications, renewal information, invoice payments, etc. Applications, renewal requests, and similar documentation submitted outside of ePermitting will no longer be accepted.

Questions? Feel free to contact us at [labcerthelp@des.sc.gov](mailto:labcerthelp@des.sc.gov) or by phone at 803-896-0970.