



2026 Integrated Report – Call for Data

Call for Data

DEQ is seeking scientific data to assist the agency in evaluating water quality in all Idaho rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs for the 2026 Integrated Report.

The Integrated Report is a biennial report that describes DEQ's ongoing efforts to monitor, assess, track, and restore the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the state's surface waters. Within the Integrated Report, water bodies are classified into at least one of five categories—ranging from meeting water quality standards to impairment by one or more pollutants.

DEQ welcomes submittal of water quality data to assess water bodies for all categories in the Integrated Report. Data collected within the last 5 years (2020 to the present) that have not been previously submitted to DEQ are useful. For all submitted data, provide a monitoring plan with the quality assurance and quality controls reported. Before submitting data, review the [Water Body Assessment Guidance](#), specifically Section 4.2 "Existing and Readily Available Data Policy," to learn more about how DEQ uses external data for water quality assessments. Review this [additional guidance sheet](#) for information about commonly submitted water quality data.

Data Submission Instructions

For each type of dataset, complete and submit the following information:

- A completed DEQ [sample location template](#). Instructions are provided in the Excel file.
- Sample results and sample metadata information in electronic format (preferably .csv, .xls, or .xlsx). Alternatively, upload the data to a public repository (e.g., Water Quality Portal), where it will be publicly available. To notify DEQ that the dataset is available, contact Dan Eardley at dan.eardley@deq.idaho.gov.
- Quality assurance and quality control procedures. Document procedures in a project field sampling plan, quality assurance project plan, or a report.
- A completed [requested information sheet](#). Includes additional dataset metadata, a signatory page, and a checklist for tiering data. Only Tier 1 data can be used for § 303(d)-listing decisions, but Tier 2 or 3 data can be used for other water quality programmatic purposes. Final tiering decisions will be at the discretion of DEQ. Refer to section 4 of the [Water Body Assessment Guidance](#) for more information about how DEQ uses external data for water quality assessments.

Submitting the Data

Follow the instructions below to submit data to the DEQ cloud:

- The deadline for submitting data is Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 5 p.m. MST.
- Go to the DEQ [call for data cloud](#), and click + to create a folder. Name the folder using your name or organization. Create additional subfolders as needed for different types of datasets submitted.
- Drag and drop files containing the required information into the relevant folders.
- Contact Dan Eardley at dan.eardley@deq.idaho.gov to notify DEQ that the data have been deposited.

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