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Rebecca Bech, Deputy Administrator
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Dear Rebecca,

At the recent Eastern Plant Board meeting in Portland, Maine, we had a discussion about ePermits and how SPHDs and SPROs do not have equal access to ePermits data once an application has been submitted for final approval. For example, once a SPRO signs off on a permit application and hits the submit key, they can no longer review that draft permit or track how the application is progressing. SPHDs have access to this and other pertinent information through ePermits. This issue continues to be a problem in cases where a SPRO needs to review a submitted application for follow up information, such as the names of organisms or comments that were made regarding the draft permit.

Please review this lack of consistency between SPHD and SPRO access to ePermits with the staff of your ePermits Unit and bring both SPHD and SPRO permit reviewing/approving systems into sync.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Gibson, President
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