# Control charts....Who needs them?

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## We all do!!

This course will take you through how a database can be used to track and report not only data used for reporting, but the data used to create control charts for your lab. Also addressed will be the process of uploading monthly reports to the state by exporting them from the database.



## What is a Control Chart?

Control charting is a means of visually tracking performance to determine when a procedure is not meeting data quality objectives. Control charts indicate when a procedure is headed out of control so the analyst can pause, eliminate the source of the problem, and prevent the out-of-control situation.

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#### **Duplicate Solution:**

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- UAL = Upper Action Limits

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Average of the Values + (3 \* Standard Deviation of the Values)

#### **Duplicate Solution:**

3 \* Standard Deviation of the Difference of the Values

- UWL = Upper Warning Limits
- UAL = Upper Action Limits
- LWL = Lower Warning Limits

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#### **Standard Solution:**

Average of the Values - (2 \* Standard Deviation of the Values)

#### **Duplicate Solution:**

-2 \* Standard Deviation of the Difference of the Values

- UWL = Upper Warning Limits
- UAL = Upper Action Limits
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These values are used as constants on the chart.

#### **Nitrate Check Standard Control Chart:**

Results for the nitrate samples are entered into the database.

For our example these values span over a month time period.

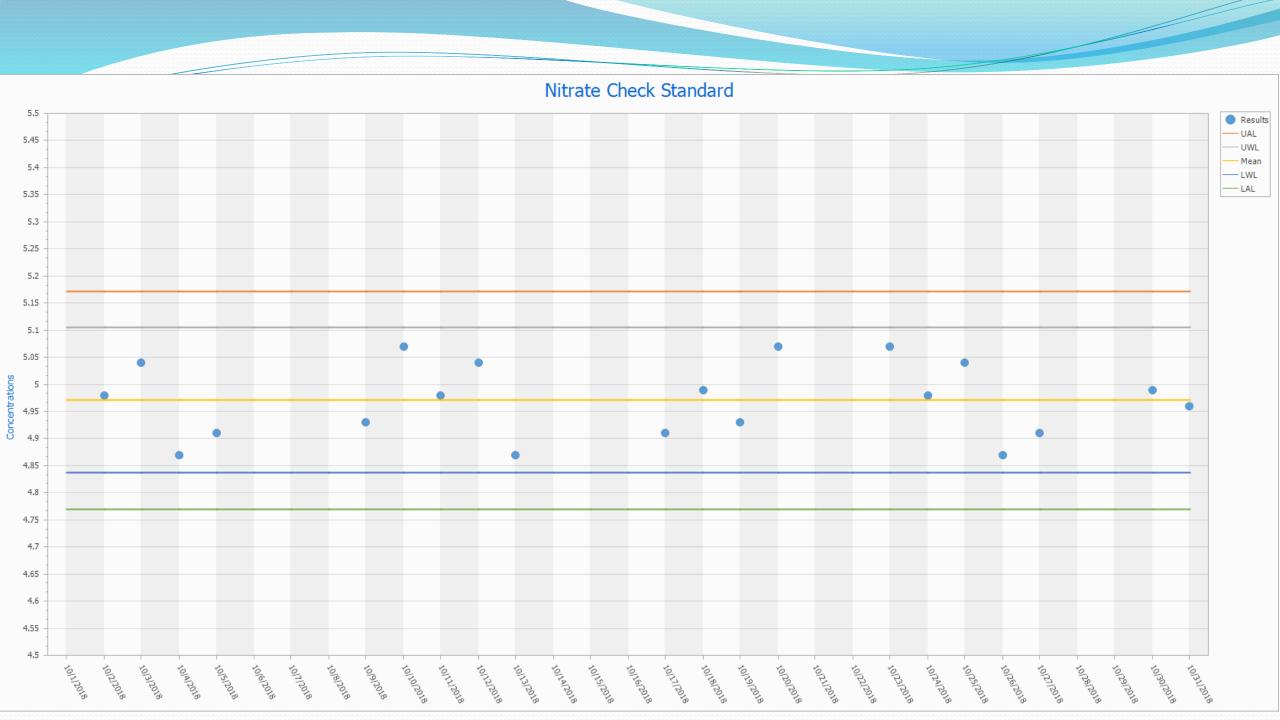
#### **Nitrate Check Standard Control Chart:**

Calculations for UWL, UAL, LWL and LAL are ran on the nitrate Standard Deviation result.

#### Nitrate Check Standard Control Chart:

Mean = 4.97 Standard Deviation = 0.07

- UWL 4.97 + (2 \* 0.07) = 5.10
- UAL 4.97 + (3 \* 0.07) = 5.17
- LWL 4.97 (2 \* 0.07) = 4.84
- LAL 4.97 (3 \* 0.07) = 4.77



# **TSS Duplicate Control Chart:**

Results for the TSS samples and the TSS duplicates are entered into the database.

For our example these values span over a month time period.

# **TSS Duplicate Control Chart:**

A calculation is ran to get the difference between the TSS sample and the TSS duplicate.

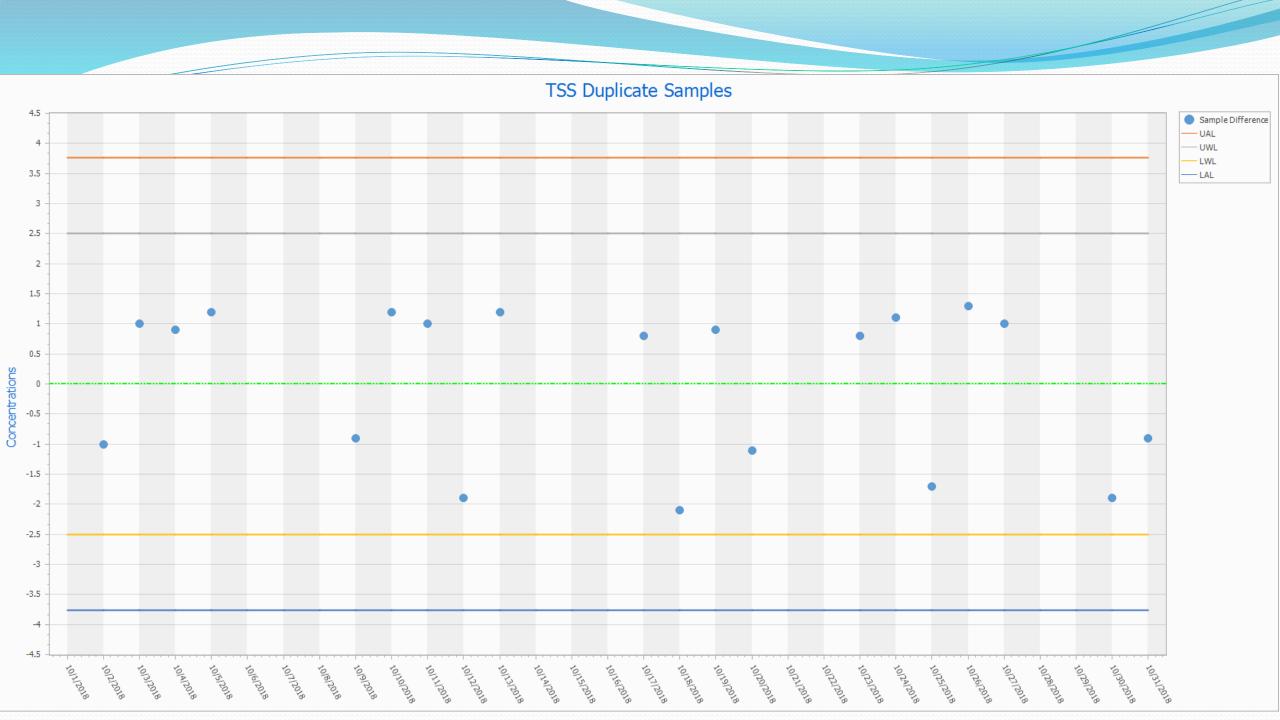
Example: (Sample 1 Result – Duplicate 1 Result = Difference) 3.10 - 4.10 = -1.00

Calculations for UWL, UAL, LWL and LAL are ran on the Difference Standard Deviation result.

# **TSS Duplicate Control Chart:**

Standard Deviation = 1.25

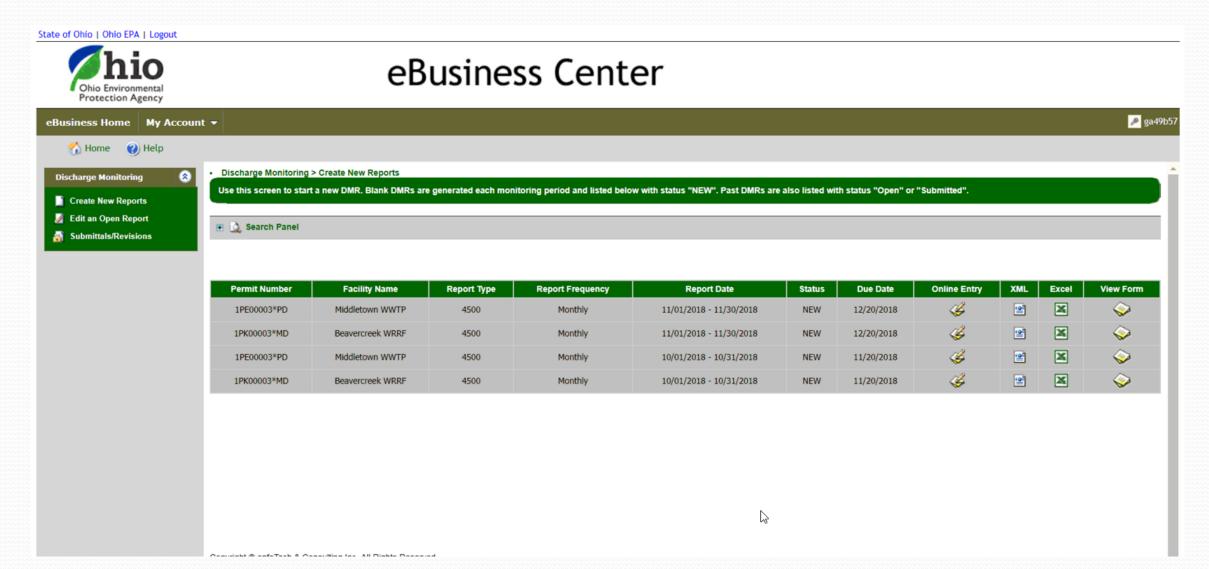
- UWL 2 \* 1.25 = 2.51
- UAL 3 \* 1.25 = 3.76
- LWL -2 \* 1.25 = -2.51
- LAL -3 \* 1.25 = -3.76

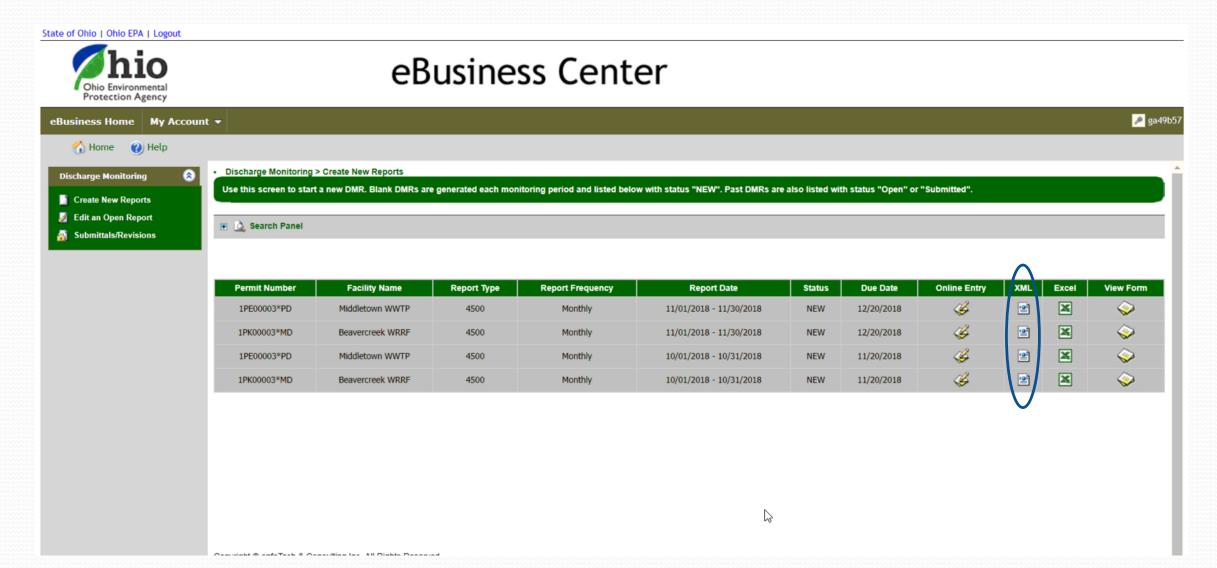


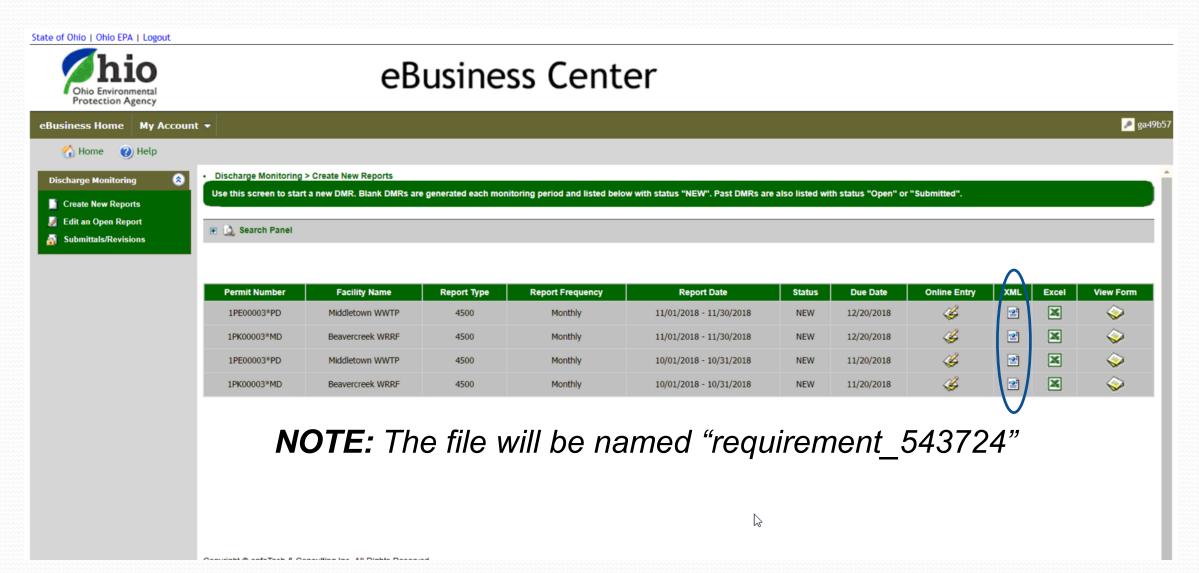
# What's Next?

## eDMR Submittal:

Once laboratory results, flow values and all other information needed for the monthly reports are entered into the database, you are now ready to prepare and submit them.







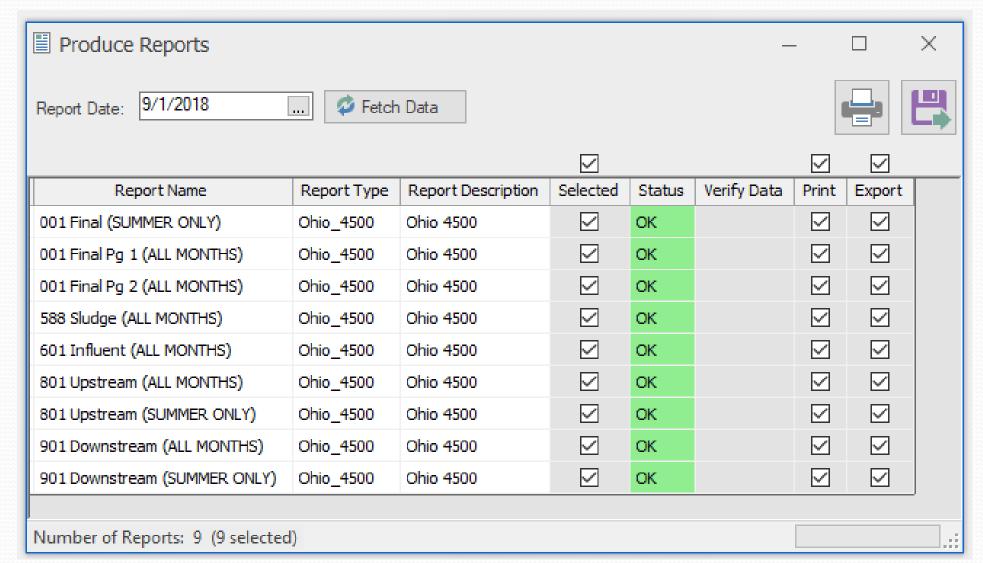
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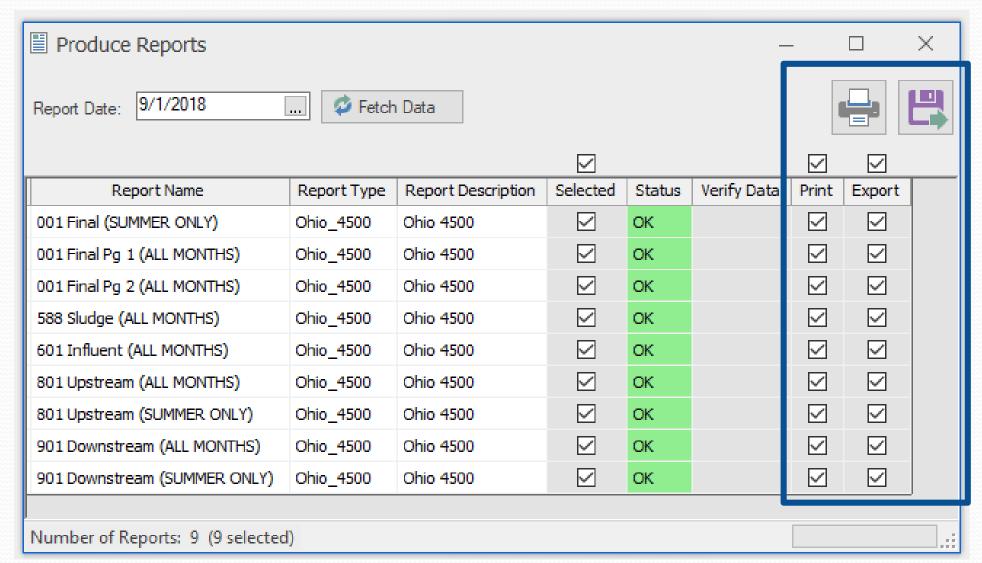
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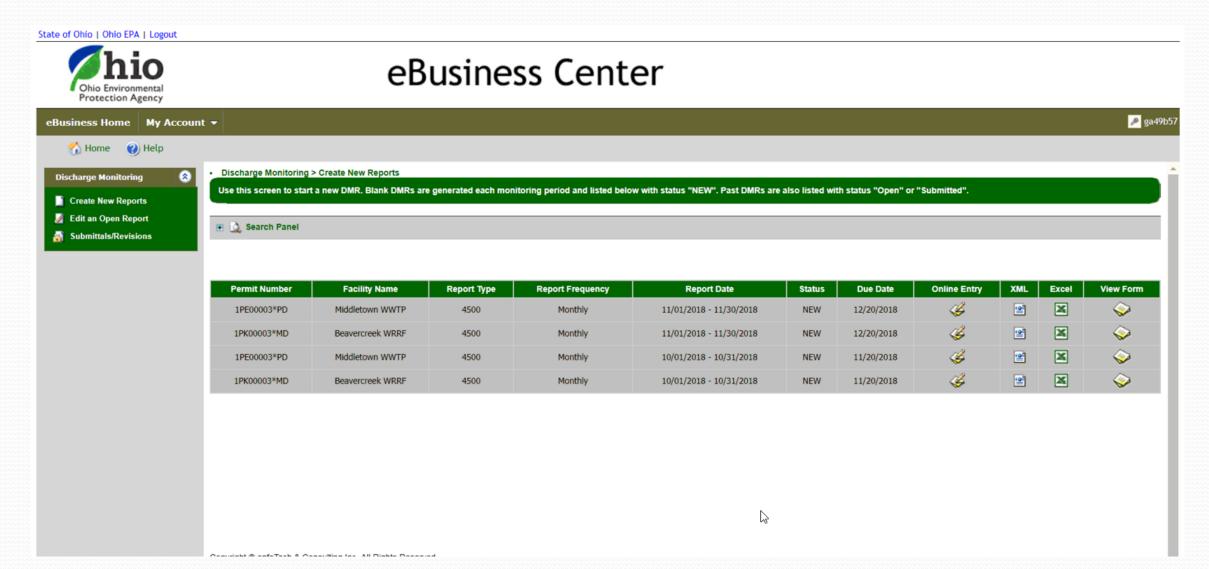
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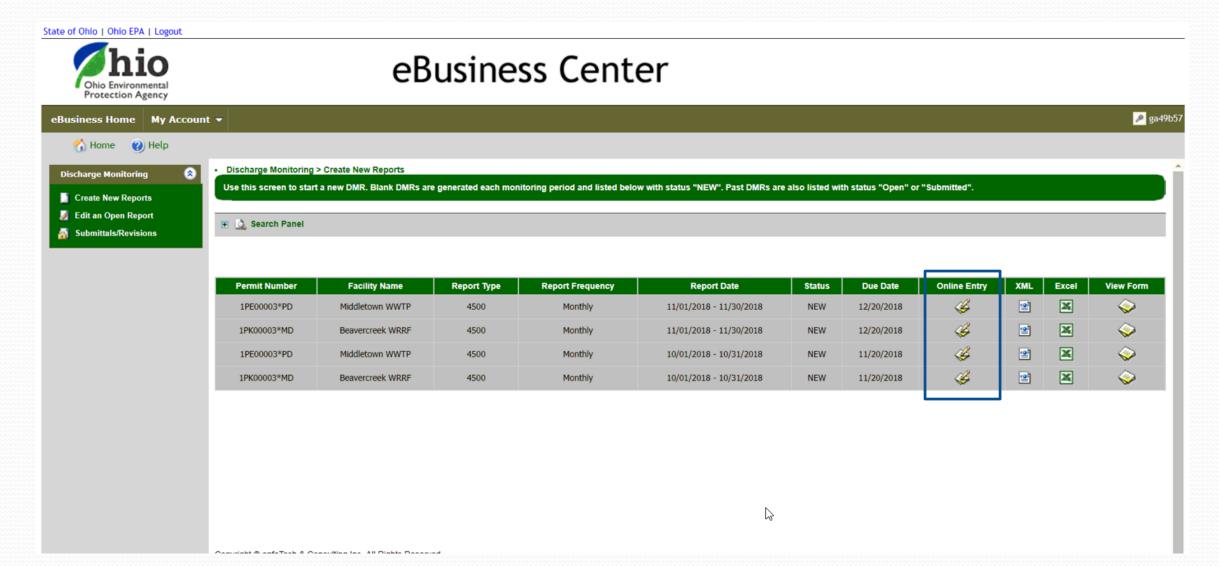
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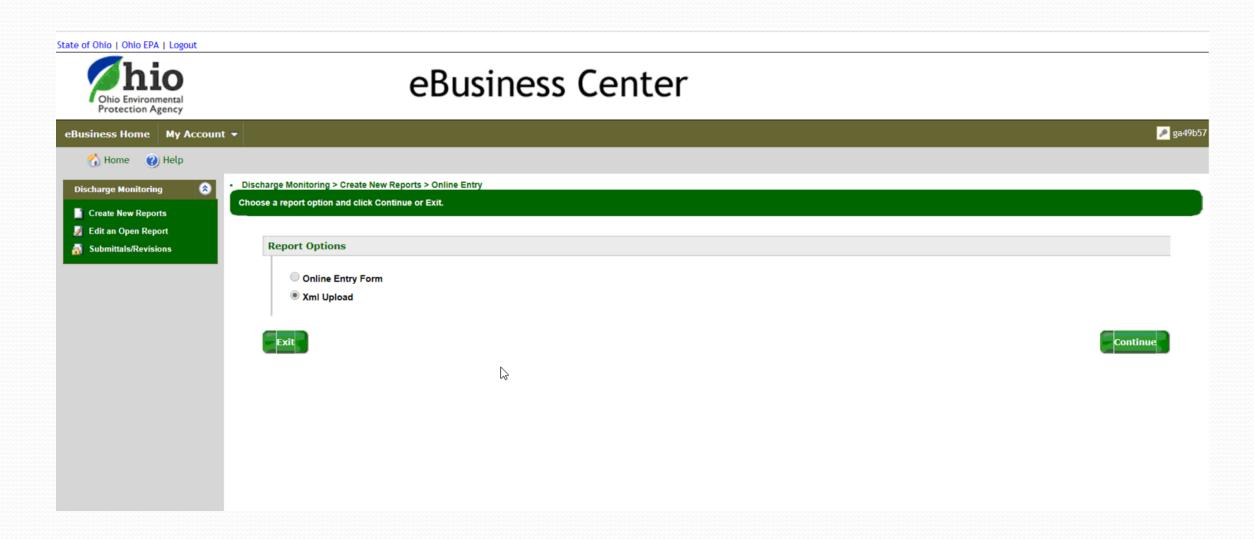


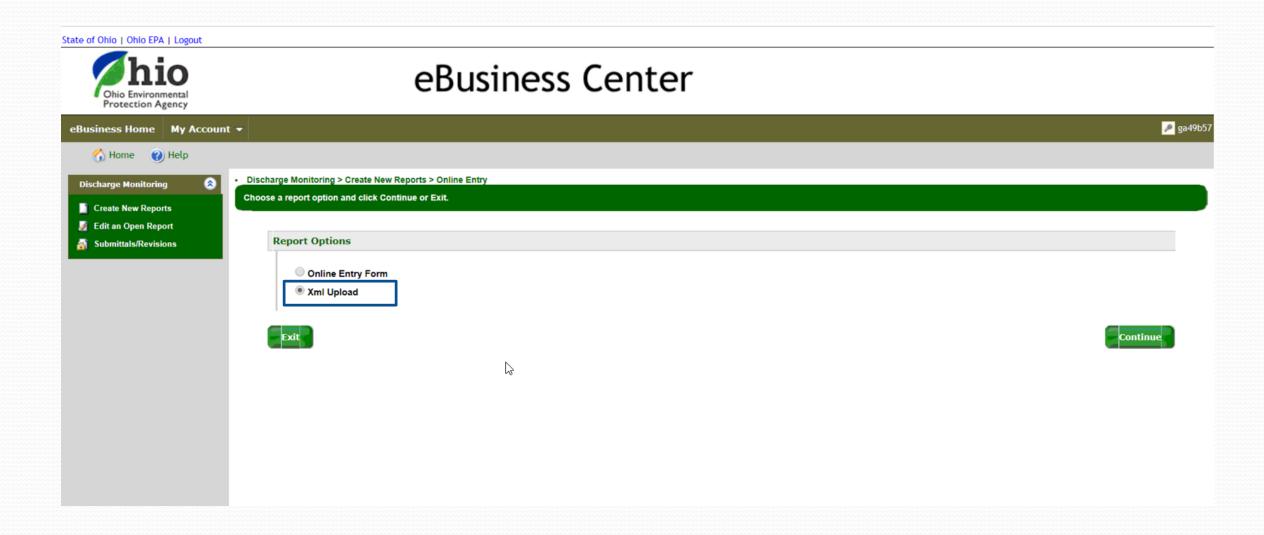
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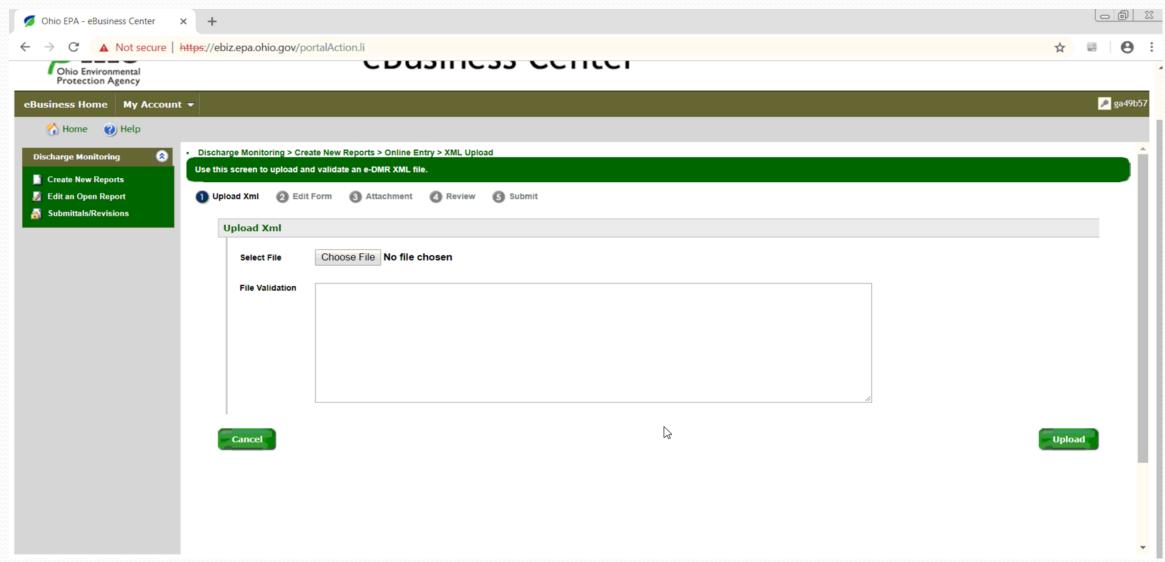








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## Conclusion:

In summary, use what is best for you. Preparing charts and reports are an important part of a laboratory. Make sure you have the tools needed to make your job easy. Remember: work smarter, not harder.

# **Thank You!**