

Virginia Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program

NOTICE

Federal Register Action: Expedited Approval of Alternative Test Procedures for the Analysis of Contaminants Under the Safe Drinking Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures

June 18, 2013

On May 31, 2013 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved 84 alternative test procedures for contaminants listed in the drinking water regulations.

A Fact Sheet produced by EPA on this action is available at the following link:

http://water.epa.gov/scitech/drinkingwater/labcert/analyticalmethods_expedited.cfm

Alternative Test Procedures to 40 CFR 141.21(F)(3) are published at Appendix A to Subpart C of 40 CFR 141, available at the following link: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title40/40cfr141_main_02.tpl

This expedited approval includes the 22nd Edition of Standard Methods (SM), for those methods with Safe Drinking Water Act approval of an earlier revision.

Laboratories accredited under 1VAC30-46 and the NELAC 2003 Standard are required to use the latest valid edition of a standard unless it is not appropriate or possible to do so (NELAC 2003 5.5.4.2.1.a). This May 31, 2013 Federal Register update provides a convenience to laboratories by synchronizing the approved method revisions between Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

DCLS will not charge change-of-scope fees or require data packages for updates of drinking water fields of accreditation to SM 22nd Edition.