

**Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS)  
Virginia Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (VELAP)**

**NOTICE OF IMPLEMENTATION DATE  
CLEAN WATER ACT METHODS UPDATE RULES, 2021 and 2023**

Notice of Implementation Date:

On August 20, 2024, DCLS provided preliminary information about the 2021 and 2023 Clean Water Act Methods Update Rules (MURs). The information gave details about required actions and impacts of the MURs on certified and accredited laboratories. Refer to the [Certification Toolbox Page](#) at [www.dgs.virginia.gov/dcls](http://www.dgs.virginia.gov/dcls) or refer to individual documents using the links below.

- [2023 MUR Preliminary Information](#)
- [2023 MUR Method Cross Reference Chart](#)
- [2021 MUR Technical Assistance Document](#)

**The implementation date for the 2021 and 2023 MURs is June 15, 2025.**

Certificate Revisions for the 2021 and 2023 MURs:

DCLS will issue certificates reflecting the updated method revisions compliant with the 2021 and 2023 MURs at or near the implementation date. Laboratories do not need to request the update or provide Change In Scope packets to VELAP. The updates will be made as described in the [2023 MUR Method Cross Reference Chart](#).

Note that because VELAP will be making MUR-related database updates through a process that may occur over several weeks or months, some certificates issued before the implementation date may reflect some or all of the revised methods. VELAP will not require laboratories to be assessed to the revised methods until on/after the implementation date.

Reporting Laboratory Results Prior to the Formal Implementation Date:

Laboratories are encouraged to work to become compliant with the 2021 and 2023 MURs as soon as possible to ensure compliance by June 15, 2025.

Laboratories are expected to report results to their customers and to their proficiency testing providers in accordance with the revision of a method in use at the time of the testing. In some cases, this revision will not align with the VELAP certificate. This difference in method revision between certificates and actual practice will be acceptable during the transition period prior to the implementation date.

Drinking Water Testing:

VELAP's Clean Water Act MUR implementation plans might impact laboratories that use some of the same methods for analysis of samples for drinking water

compliance. In keeping with 12VAC5-590-480 B VELAP will make related drinking water method updates concurrently with Clean Water Act MUR updates using the same June 15, 2025 implementation date. See [the related drinking water notice](#) for more information on method update requirements.

Further Information:

Contact your laboratory's lead assessor or email [Lab\\_Cert@dgs.virginia.gov](mailto:Lab_Cert@dgs.virginia.gov) if you need individual assistance about how the MUR implementation will impact your laboratory.