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

ANNOUNCEMENT

40 CFR 136 Method Update Rule 2017 (MUR) Implementation

VELAP has established an implementation date of January 1, 2019 for compliance with the 40 CFR 136 Method Update Rule (MUR). VELAP will begin assessment of laboratories to the revised methods and to the revised MDL procedure on/after this implementation date.

Information For Laboratories:

- All laboratories need to **evaluate their scope of certification/accreditation against 40 CFR 136 to determine which methods require revision to be compliant with the revised federal regulation by January 1, 2019.**
- All laboratories need to **implement the revised Method Detection Limit (MDL) procedure by January 1, 2019, as applicable** for testing under the Clean Water Act and for drinking water or other testing that refers to 40 CFR 136 Appendix B for the MDL procedure.
- VELAP has provided MUR and MDL technical information on its web page under "Certification/Accreditation Toolbox" (www.dgs.virginia.gov/dcls).
- **The laboratory's reporting convention on its reports to customers, DEQ, or PT providers can be updated to the newer revision before the certificate is revised and re-issued. However, the laboratory should update SOPs and implement any new method requirements prior to changing its reporting convention.**
- Updates to **revisions of methods as a result of the MUR and currently held by the laboratory** do not require a change-in-scope request or payment of change-in-scope fees. **Any other updates** (for example, changing to a different method or adding additional analytes) **require a change-in-scope request and payment of fees.**

Updates To Certificates:

VELAP expects all certificates to be updated and re-issued before January 15, 2019.