

Important Notice

EPA Method Update Rule (MUR)

EPA intends to publish the MUR as a final rule effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. The most significant effect that this MUR will have on your facility is that some of EPA's previously approved methods are being withdrawn. This means that your facility will not be able to report data by the withdrawn methods. The withdrawn methods will not be included as approved method options on OQA's Part III effective July 1, 2007. Laboratories must choose an alternate method from the remaining list of approved methods.

In addition to the methods being withdrawn, the MUR includes new approved method options for wastewater and drinking water testing and has changes to the footnotes that are associated with the tables addressed in the MUR. Questions regarding the MUR and requests for changes to your annual certified parameter list should be addressed to Michael.DiBalsi@dep.state.nj.us. For further information on new methods options and footnotes visit the EPA's website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/methods/update2003/mur-pre-pubfinal.pdf>

The following wastewater methods will be removed as a result of the MUR:

Parameter	Withdrawn Method
Acidity	EPA 305.1
Alkalinity	EPA 310.1
Aluminum	EPA 202.1 and 202.2
Ammonia	EPA 350.2 and 350.3
Antimony	EPA 204.1 and 204.2
Arsenic	EPA 206.2, 206.3, and 206.4
Barium	EPA 208.1 and 208.2
Beryllium	EPA 210.1 and 210.2
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	EPA 405.1
Boron	EPA 212.3
Bromide	EPA 320.1
Cadmium	EPA 213.1 and 213.2
Calcium	EPA 215.1 and 215.2
Chemical Oxygen Demand	EPA 410.1 and 410.2
Chloride	EPA 325.1, 325.2 and 325.3
Chlorine-Total Residual	EPA 330.1, 330.2, 330.3, 330.4, and 330.5
Chromium VI	EPA 218.4
Chromium	EPA 218.1, 218.2 and 218.3
Cobalt	EPA 219.1 and 219.2
Color	EPA 110.1, 110.2, and 110.3
Copper	EPA 220.1 and 220.2
Cyanide	EPA 335.2 and 335.3
Available Cyanide	EPA 335.1
1-2 Dichlorobenzene	EPA 625
1-3 Dichlorobenzene	EPA 625
1-4 Dichlorobenzene	EPA 625

Parameter	Withdrawn Method
Gold	EPA 231.1
Hardness	EPA 130.2
Hydrogen Ion (pH)	EPA 150.1
Iridium	EPA 235.1
Iron	EPA 236.1 and 236.2
Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	EPA 351.3 and 351.4
Lead	EPA 239.1 and 239.2
Magnesium	EPA 242.1
Manganese	EPA 243.1 and 243.2
Molybdenum	EPA 246.1 and 246.2
Nickel	EPA 249.1 and 249.2
Nitrate-Nitrite	EPA 353.1 and 353.3
Nitrite	EPA 354.1
Oil and Grease	EPA 413.1 and SM 5520B
Organic Carbon	EPA 415.1
Orthophosphate	EPA 365.2
Osmium	EPA 252.1
Oxygen-Dissolved	EPA 360.1 and 360.2
Palladium	EPA 253.1
Petroleum Hydrocarbons-Total	EPA 418.1
Phosphorous-Total	EPA 365.2
Platinum	EPA 255.1
Potassium	EPA 258.1
Residue-Total	EPA 160.3
Residue-Filterable	EPA 160.1
Residue-Non-filterable (TSS)	EPA 160.2
Residue-Settleable	EPA 160.5
Rhodium	EPA 265.1
Ruthenium	EPA 267.1
Selenium	EPA 270.2
Silica	EPA 370.1
Silver	EPA 272.1 and 272.2
Sodium	EPA 273.1
Sulfate	EPA 375.1, 375.3 and 375.4
Sulfide	EPA 376.1 and 376.2
Sulfite	EPA 377.1
Surfactants	EPA 425.1
Temperature	EPA 170.1
Thallium	EPA 279.1
Tin	EPA 282.1 and 282.2
Titanium	EPA 283.1
Vanadium	EPA 286.1 and 286.2
Zinc	EPA 289.1