

FISCAL YEAR 2021 IMPORTANT NOTICE

UPDATE TO SW-846 METHODS

The USEPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR) Policy Statement strongly recommends the use of the latest version of a SW-846 method whenever possible. The latest versions generally reflect new advancements in technology, yield improved precision and/or bias and/or clarify or correct errors or misunderstood procedures in the method. Therefore, effective with this notice the State of New Jersey will begin a phase in period to implement the SW-846 update as follows:

- For laboratories presently in Applied or Certified status for existing SW-846 methods, the laboratory's FY21 annual certified parameter list (ACPL) will be automatically updated to incorporate the latest revised version of the SW-846 method. The addition of the most current method will be updated with the same status as the previous revision. The ACPL included in the enclosed FY21 Renewal Package will reflect the addition of the latest SW-846 version as well as the current revision.
- Once your renewal is processed and a new ACPL issued your FY21 ACPL will list only the latest revised version of the method. Laboratories may use either the current versions of the method or the latest revised version of the certified method until October 1, 2020. On October 1, 2020 the laboratory will be required to have implemented all changes (method, SOPs and QA/QC) required in the latest version of the method and must use this version of the method for analysis. The laboratory shall clearly identify the version of the SW-846 method used for analysis in the raw data records and when reporting data.

Effective in the FY21 ACPL the OQA will no longer offer certification for older versions of SW-846 methods and these methods will be removed from the OQA scope of accreditation and will be replaced with the latest versions.

CHANGES TO PART III

In response to new technologies, newly regulated parameters and to provide pathways for laboratory certification that meet the needs of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the OQA has updated the laboratory certification methods/parameters/techniques (Part III) it offers for certification. You can view the list of changes made to the Part III by visiting the OQA bulletin board notice titled "FY2021 Renewal: Changes to Part III" at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/oqa/bboard.html>.