

FISCAL YEAR 2023 IMPORTANT NOTICE

METHOD UPDATE RULE IMPLEMENTATION

US EPA 2021 Method Update Rule (MUR) Changes: The USEPA promulgated a new MUR at 40 CFR Part 136 and Part 141. The MUR included newly approved methods, replaced older method versions and, corrected former typographical errors found in 40 CFR Part 136 and Part 141.

Effective with this notice the State of New Jersey will begin a phase-in period to implement the method changes listed in the USEPA Method Update Rule (MUR) as follows:

- For methods/parameters that were added as new: if laboratories wish to apply for these they must submit a Modification Application Package, if applying outside the renewal period or FY23 Renewal Application Package, if applying during the renewal period. If the application includes a request for any new categories, a check for the applicable category fees must be included. If a Modification Application is being submitted the \$400 modification fee will also apply. If all the required documentation is not received the request will not be processed and will be returned as incomplete.
- For all method changes related to an update to the most current approved version: For laboratory Annual Certified Parameter Lists (ACPL) that currently show any type of certification status for the outdated methods, the laboratory's FY23 ACPL will be automatically updated to incorporate the current approved version as listed in the MUR. The addition of the current method will be updated with the same status as the previous revision. All outdated method references that were removed from the MUR have been removed from all ACPLs and will no longer be offered for certification. The new method will appear on the ACPL issued for the new certification year effective July 1, 2022. By July 1, 2022, laboratories shall have completed all changes (method and QA/QC) required in the MUR, in addition to the QA/QC currently required by N.J.A.C. 7:18. Up until July 1, 2022 laboratories may continue to analyze samples using the methods on their FY22 certification. After July 1, 2022 only the most current version listed on your FY22 ACPL will be approved for use and the new methods must be implemented on or before July 1, 2022.
- The MUR method changes for NJ NELAP Secondary laboratories: NJ-NELAP laboratories that have secondary accreditation with NJ through another primary Accreditation Body (AB), will need to seek accreditation from your primary AB in order to be granted NJ secondary for the updated method versions. If you do not have a primary scope of accreditation (or a letter from your primary AB stating they've granted the certification but have not yet been able to update their database) then you will be put into applied status until we have the required documentation that shows the methods have been granted by your primary AB.

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 "FY2022 Renewal: Changes to Part III" at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/oqa/bboard.html>.