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Stage 2 DPB Testing

Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs) form when chlorine used to treat drinking water reacts with naturally occurring organic materials in the water, such as decomposing plant material. There are two sets of DBPs that are monitored. They include four Total Trihalomethane compounds (TTHMs) and five Haloacetic Acid compounds (HAA5). The amount of DBPs will fluctuate from day to day depending on the season or water temperature, amount of chlorine added, the amount of organic material in the water, along with a variety of other factors.

The Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 2 DBPR) builds upon the Stage 1 DBPR, promulgated in 1998, to address higher risk public water systems for protection measures beyond those required for existing regulations. Beginning this year, certain Community Water Systems (CWS) and Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems (NTNCWS) serving populations of at least 100,000 have already begun Stage 2 compliance monitoring for DBPs. All other systems that will be required to monitor for this EPA rule should have already completed their initial distribution system evaluation to determine their Stage 2 compliance monitoring sites, and will begin their monitoring programs between October 2012 and October 2013.

Accurate Labs is certified by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) to perform TTHM/HAA5 analyses, as well as any additional testing that may be necessary. If you have questions about regulations, sampling procedures, testing methods, reporting requirements, or pricing, please call (800) 516-LABS or visit www.accuratelabs.com.

UCMR3 Testing

Every 5 years, EPA selects a list of unregulated contaminants that may warrant new regulation. This program is called the *Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation*. Sampling and analysis for the third and most recent list of contaminants (UCMR3) will take place over a 12 month period between January 2013 and December 2015. This time, systems that purchase 100% of their water and serve more than 10,000 people will be included in the program. All water systems involved in the UCMR3 monitoring program are required to use an EPA approved lab for the analyses. **Accurate Labs is the only commercial laboratory in Oklahoma that is fully certified for drinking water analysis. With over 21 years of analytical experience, state-of-the-art equipment, and unmatched customer service, Accurate Labs provides the highest quality data, fast turnaround times, and knowledgeable staff that can answer your questions and provide assistance throughout the sampling/monitoring process.**

Sampling containers with instructions are provided to the client at no additional cost. Accurate Labs will submit your data to the EPA, as well as providing 24/7 client access to their password protected analytical data. Accurate Labs also offers field sampling services and weekly sample pick-up routes throughout the state in an effort to provide a safer, more cost-effective, and convenient way to get your samples to Accurate Labs for analysis. Call or visit Accurate Labs online if you have any questions about your UCMR3 monitoring requirements or to get more information about the wide range of environmental services that Accurate Environmental has to offer.

STILLWATER CLASSES

AUGUST

03 Open Exam Session #10300
07 – 09 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper
14 – 16 "C" Water Operator
20 – 23 "C" Wastewater Laboratory

SEPTEMBER

04 – 06 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper
07 Open Exam Session #10623
17 – 20 "B" Water Laboratory
17 – 21 "A" Water Laboratory

OCTOBER

09 – 11 "C" Wastewater Operator
15 – 18 "B" Wastewater Laboratory
15 – 19 "A" Wastewater Laboratory

NOVEMBER

02 Open Exam Session #10628
06 – 08 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper
12 – 15 "B" Water Operator
12 – 16 "A" Water Operator
26 – 29 "C" Water Laboratory

TULSA CLASSES

AUGUST

10 Open Exam Session #10295
20 – 23 "B" Water Operator
20 – 24 "A" Water Operator
28 – 30 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper

SEPTEMBER

11 – 13 "C" Water Operator
14 Open Exam Session #10624
25 – 27 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper

OCTOBER

12 Open Exam Session #10625
16 – 18 "C" Wastewater Operator
23 – 25 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper
29 – 11/1 "B" Wastewater Operator
29 – 11/2 "A" Wastewater Operator

NOVEMBER

09 Open Exam Session #10626
27 – 29 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper

Online Certification Exams

Online certification exams are offered on the last day of all AETC certification classes. An Exam Application must be submitted to the ODEQ at least 3 weeks prior to the test date. If you have missed the DEQ application deadline for your scheduled class, or you need to re-test without re-taking a class, Accurate Environmental Training Center offers open exam sessions on the 1st and 2nd Fridays of every month at their Stillwater and Tulsa classrooms. These exam sessions are open to any level of testing for those operators that have been approved by the DEQ. The same 3 week application deadline applies to the open exam sessions.

**Click the image to the right to download the DEQ exam application.*

Accurate Environmental is one of the nation's most unique and comprehensive environmental service providers. They not only operate the largest commercial environmental lab in Oklahoma and state-of-the-art operator and laboratory training centers, but also provide laboratory supply sales, field and sampling services with weekly sample pick-up routes, as well as environmental and engineering services.

Accurate Labs is comprised of three full-service laboratories, including our headquarters in Stillwater and two additional labs in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. They provide analytical services for drinking water, wastewater, groundwater, soil, sediment, sludge, and hazardous waste. Accurate Labs is nationally certified through The NELAC Institute, and the only commercial lab in Oklahoma that is fully certified for drinking water analysis.

Accurate Environmental Training Center (AETC) is an award winning training center offering operator and laboratory certification and renewal classes at their classrooms in Stillwater and Tulsa. Using multiple instructors for each class, and various teaching methods, such as pie charts and standard formulas for math, AETC is able to tailor training to meet the needs of each individual student.

Accurate Laboratory Supplies (ALS) is an authorized Hach dealer that can save you valuable time and money on all your laboratory supplies, chemicals, and equipment needs with one simple phone call. ALS even offers FREE DELIVERY to clients along their routine sample pick-up routes.

Accurate Field Services, with a team of well-trained field service technicians, provides field and sampling services throughout the state for drinking water, wastewater, soil, sludge, and hazardous waste. Accurate Field Services also has weekly sample pick-up routes to provide their clients with a fast, economical, and safer way to get samples to Accurate Labs for analysis.

Accurate Engineering Services (AES) provides expert technical assistance related to municipal and industrial water, wastewater, solid wastes and biosolids, industrial pretreatment, and environmental site assessments. AES is here to help your system meet EPA and DEQ rules and regulations, improve operation performance, and reduce operating costs.