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Acceptability Of Results From Radiological
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Background and Rationale

This policy is adopted to establish uniform criteria for acceptability of radiochemical analyses submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection by Massachusetts Public Water Systems.

Policy

It is the policy of DEP to accept the results of radiochemical analyses performed by laboratories which are certified by the EPA provided that all analysis is made in accordance with the methods listed in the Division of Water Supply regulations 310 CMR 22.09 (1) or those approved by EPA. Such laboratories must continue to participate in performance evaluation studies and in laboratory intercomparison cross check studies which include the analyses for which the laboratory is certified or seeking certification. This policy is in conformance with the laboratory certification regulations which were promulgated on September 13, 1991.

Applicability

With the changes to the drinking water regulations for radiological contaminants proposed in June 1991 and the current need for radiological analyses it is felt that this issue needs to be addressed. Currently the Commonwealth does operate a laboratory certification program for radiochemistry. To be able to cope with the increased number of samples that will be required by the radiological regulations when they are promulgated water systems will need to have access to certified laboratories outside Massachusetts.

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