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The EPA has updated its "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures", also known as the "Method Update Rule". The new rule was published on April 16, 2024 and will take effect on June 17, 2024. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will implement the Method Update Rule as follows:

- 1) Accredited and in-house laboratories submitting data to the Department are expected to take steps to meet the requirements of the Rule: in the case of accredited laboratories, applications to amend the scope of accreditation must be submitted and quality system documents must be revised as needed so that the laboratories will be compliant by June 17, 2025 or by the time of their next biennial assessment (whichever comes first), and
- 2) The Department will accept data based on the previous Method Update Rule (2021) up to but not beyond a two-year period ending April 16, 2026.

For a copy of the rule, please access this link:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/04/16/2024-07412/clean-water-act-methods-update-rule-for-the-analysis-of-effluent>

Accredited laboratories and laboratories seeking accreditation may contact Tramecha Rankins at 225-219-3247 or Tramecha.rankins@la.gov

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