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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of General Services Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	1VAC30-40
Regulation title	Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water
Action title	These revisions and additions will bring the Drinking Water Laboratory Certification regulation into conformance with the current federal requirements for the analytical test methods to be used by drinking water laboratories.
Final agency action date	October 27, 2009
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Summary

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Laboratories analyzing drinking water samples under the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) must use current EPA-approved test methods. They must also adhere to other laboratory-specific requirements in the federal regulations. The required test methods and other requirements are set out in 40 CFR Parts 141 and 143. The lists of methods are revised regularly to include newly approved methods and to delete out-of-date methods. These lists are also revised when new SDWA program requirements are promulgated in the *Federal Register*.

The changes to 1VAC30-40 bring the regulation into conformance with the current federal requirements for test methods, sampling, and laboratory certification. 1VAC30-40-85 is added to incorporate by reference the most current federal requirements. Out-of-date citations are

deleted. Out-of-date tables listing test methods and sample container, preservation, and holding time requirements are deleted. Provisions in the regulation that were taken verbatim from now out-of-date test methods and federal requirements are deleted and replaced by the requirements that are incorporated by reference.

Statement of final agency action

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The Director of the Department of General Services approved the revised regulations on October 27, 2009. The regulations are entitled Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water.