

## Lab Rule—Summary of Changes

### Section 001- Purpose

The purpose specifies that there are two components to certification: 1) The lab meets accreditation requirements by Department of Ecology under chapter 173-50 WAC, and 2) Labs meet reporting requirements under this rule.

*Note: Currently, there is no specific requirement for labs to submit analytical results for drinking water compliance samples to DOH. Water systems are responsible for submitting results to the department.*

### Section 010- Definitions

Added definitions as needed, including: Analyte, Blended Sample, Close of Business, Compositing Samples, Contracting and Subcontracting labs, Confirmation Sample, Forms, Lab Reporting Level, Method Detection Limit, Microbiological Sample Results, Schema, State Certification Authority, State Reporting Level.

Amended other definitions for consistency with the Group A rule.

**Sections 020- Requirement for certification** Section repealed.

### Section 030- Certification

Specifies that there are two components to certification: 1) The lab meets accreditation requirements by Department of Ecology under chapter 173-50 WAC, and 2) Labs meet reporting requirements under this rule.

**Section 040- Provisional certification** Section repealed.

**Section 050- Revoking or denying certification** is now “Enforcement” in Section 700.

**Section 060- Reciprocity** Section repealed.

**Section 070- Third party certification** Section repealed.

**Section 100-Appeals** Is now Section 800

### Section 200-Data reporting format

Specifies requirements for reporting analytical results to the department, including requirements for submitting either hard copy (written data report forms) or electronic data (digital file).

Requires all labs to submit their drinking water analytical results to the department electronically beginning in January 2014.

### **Section 300- Reporting data results**

Specifies that labs must report at least to the State Reporting Level (SRL) when they report analytical results on written forms, and to the Minimum Detection Limit (MDL) when they report electronically.

### **Section 400- Composite samples**

Specifies the conditions under which labs may composite drinking water samples.

### **Section 500- Data reporting timeline**

Specifies the timelines and details for reporting analytical results, and also when water systems or the department need immediate notification.

### **Section 600- Reporting subcontracted lab data results**

Specifies how analytical results must be reported to the department.

### **Section 700- Enforcement**

Specifies our enforcement options for labs out of compliance with these requirements. In addition to penalties that the department could issue, Ecology could revoke a lab's certification through our MOU.

### **Section 800- Appeals**

Specifies appeals options for labs.