

FISCAL YEAR 2025 IMPORTANT NOTICE

CHANGES TO PART III

In response to new technologies, newly regulated parameters and to provide pathways for laboratory certification that meet the needs of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the OQA has updated the laboratory certification methods/parameters/techniques (Part III) it offers for certification.

You can view the list of changes made to the Part III by visiting the OQA bulletin board notice titled “FY2025 Renewal: Changes to Part III” at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/oqa/bboard.html>.

EPA Method 1633 Final Version Publication

The EPA’s Office of Water, in partnership with the Department of Defense’s (DoD) Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, has published the final EPA Method 1633, “Analysis of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Aqueous, Solid, Biosolids, and Tissue Samples by LC-MS/MS,” a method to test for 40 PFAS compounds in wastewater, surface water, groundwater, soil, biosolids, sediment, landfill leachate, and fish tissue. As this is now considered the final validated method, the OQA will only offer and grant certification for the final January 2024 published version of the method. If your laboratory currently holds certification for a draft version of the method, your renewal scope has been updated to remove reference to “draft” and it will be updated to reflect the January 2024 version of the method, and you will be required to comply with the final January 2024 version as of July 1, 2024.

ELAC MEETING

Reminder: The Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) meets on the second Thursday of each month. The 2024 meeting schedule is posted on the OQA website at <https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/dsr/oqa/elac-cal-24.pdf> and meetings are held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Attendance is encouraged. Anyone planning to attend an ELAC meeting must notify the Chair or Secretary of their attendance no later than two weeks before the meeting to ensure sufficient time to receive the Microsoft Teams appointment information. ELAC chair and secretary contact information is posted at <https://dep.nj.gov/dsr/oqa/elac/>.