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Regulatory Updates

Here's a snapshot of environmental regulatory and Eastern Analytical, Inc. (EAI) service updates we thought worth sharing from 2018 — and what's still to come in 2019!

Compliance Public Water In Effect

The SOC sample schedules include three additional contaminants that can no longer be "waived":

- Dibromochloropropane (DBCP) EPA Method 504
- Ethylene Dibromide (EDB) EPA Method 504
- Diquat EPA Method 549

A Cyanide sample will be scheduled in conjunction with an upcoming IOC sample. The testing frequency has increased since cyanide is commonly added to road salt to prevent caking.

Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

NHDES initiated rulemaking to establish standards for four per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Proposed MCLs and NH Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS) (ng/mL):

- Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) 70 ppt
- Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) 38 ppt
- Combined PFOS and PFOA 70 ppt
- Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) 23 ppt
- Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) 85 ppt

Arsenic

NHDES has proposed lowering the drinking water limit for arsenic from 10 parts per billion (ppb) established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2001 to 5 ppb by the end of this year.

Rule Year	MCL (ug/L)
1975	50 ppb
2006	10 ppb
2019	5 ppb proposed

NH SB247: Law Now In Effect



NH SB247 Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning from Drinking Water in Effect. NH SB247, which requires all schools and licensed childcare facilities to test for lead in their drinking water at each location where it is consumed by children, was signed into law last year.

Training Seminars

In addition to our annual water, wastewater operator and consultant Nuts & Bolts Training seminars we hold at our lab, EAI's technical staff provides off-site training presentations upon request. We're currently scheduled to present training courses for Granite State Rural Water Association (GSRWA), Environmental Business Council (EBC), and NHDES's Winnipesaukee River Basin Program (WRBP) as well as for several EAI customers.





Lab & Drilling Updates

We had a productive year streamlining several methods, adding new testing capabilities, reducing waste and adding drilling equipment to meet the needs of our customers.

Streamlined Methods

- Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) (Aqueous) SimPlate EPA approved, streamlined
- Automated BOD Prep (Aqueous) Streamlined, improved efficiency

Lowered Reporting Limits

• 1,4 Dioxane SIM VOC EPA Method 8260C (Aqueous) lowered RL from 0.25 ug/L to 0.20 ug/L

EAI proactively lowered RLs in response to NHDES revising the AGQS for 1,4 Dioxane from 3.0 ug/L to 0.32 ug/L.

New Testing Capabilities

- Sulfur (Aqueous/Solid/Oil) EPA Method 200.7/6010B (ICP)
- Calcium Carbonate Equivalent EPA Method 200.8/6020 (ICP/MS)
- Total Carbon (est.) (Sludge) Calculation
- Micro Legionella (Non-potable and potable water) Reported as either Present or Absent or as MPN/100ml

Contacting EAI

For your convenience and to help us serve you better, please send to or cc: customerservice@easternanalytical.com when emailing individuals here at the lab. Your message will be received by our customer service team and will ensure your requests are promptly met should the individual you are trying to reach is out of the office.

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New Drilling Equipment



Air Hammer Unit and Compressor so rock wells can be set down to 60 feet through bedrock!



New Trailer accommodates GeoProbe® track rig and tooling.

Expanded Courier Services

We hired additional courier personnel and increased our vehicle fleet to allow us to serve more customers, at farther distances, throughout New England.



