



Technical Memo

EPA Revised Total Coliform Rule Effective April 1, 2016

Updated: January 18, 2016

The allowance to test drinking water total coliform positive original growth for the presence or absence (P-A) of fecal coliform bacteria will no longer be allowed

- Certifications for this test type will be removed on 4/1.
- For IAL, SM 9222B/9221E for Total coliform/Fecal coliform in DW will be decertified
- Testing must now focus on the P-A for total coliform and E. coli bacteria specifically, which is done by SM 9222B + 9221E + MUG

As of April 1, 2016, the NJDEP Division of Water Supply will no longer allow water systems to use a dual purpose sample to meet the requirements of both the EPA Ground Water Rule (GWR) and EPA Revised Total Coliform Rule.

- Water systems will be required to collect 3 repeat samples from the distribution system as well as a 4th sample from the raw water tap.

The full EPA Revised Total Coliform Rule can be found here:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-02-13/pdf/2012-31205.pdf>

More information about the EPA Groundwater Rule can be found here:

<http://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/ground-water-rule>

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