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NPDES Attachment
Practical Quantitation Limits (PQLs) and EPA-Approved Methods
 (listing based on EPA Form 2C)

EPA-Approved Methods must be used for the analysis of these pollutants or pollutant parameters. "EPA-Approved Methods" refers to the methods that have been approved under 40 CFR part 136 or are required under 40 CFR Chapter I, subchapter N or O. This includes analytical methods for CWA pollutants developed by the EPA, voluntary consensus standards bodies (VCSBs), and other governmental agencies (such as the U.S. Geological Survey), as well as Alternative Test Procedures (ATPs) developed by commercial method developers for nation-wide use. When more than one test procedure is approved under 40 CFR part 136 for the analysis of a pollutant or pollutant parameter, the test procedure used must be sufficiently sensitive as defined at 40 CFR 122.21(e)(3) and 122.44(i)(1)(iv).

"PQL" is the lowest minimum level (reporting limit) derived from the concentration of the lowest calibration standard taking into consideration the weights and/or volumes of the samples and all preparation and analysis steps in the method. If the SCDHEC certified laboratory performing the analysis can achieve a lower PQL than listed below, then the lower PQL must be reported.

"Alternative or Department Approved Methods" may be used for pollutants where there are no methods specified in 40 CFR part 136. The alternative method listed below must be used or a method approved by the Department. Laboratories may combine CWA and SW-846 methodologies for analysis of organic contaminants (e.g. EPA 624 and EPA 8260B). When combining CWA and SW-846 methodology, the most stringent calibration and QC criteria between the two methods must be met and both methods must be reported. The approved method must be reported as listed in 40 CFR 136 along with the "Alternative or Department Approved Methods" listed below (e.g. EPA 624/8260B).

| No. | Section V Part A | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |
|------|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--|
| a. | Biochemical oxygen demand | 2000 | Composite | |
| b. | Chemical oxygen demand | 20,000 | Composite | |
| c. | Total organic carbon | 1000 | Grab | |
| d. | Total suspended solids | 1000 | Composite | |
| e. | Ammonia | 100 | Composite | |
| | Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) | 100 | Composite | |
| g,h. | Temperature | - | Grab | |
| i. | pH | - | Grab | |
| No. | Section V Part B | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |
| a. | Bromide | 2000 | Composite | |
| b. | Chlorine, total residual | 50 | Grab | |
| c. | Color (Platinum Colbalt) | 5 CU | Grab | |
| | Color (ADMI) | 25 CU | Grab | |
| d. | Fecal Coliform (MPN) | 2/100mL | Grab | |
| | Fecal Coliform (MF) | 1/100mL | Grab | |
| | Fecal Coliform(Colilert 18® ATP MPN) | 1/100mL | Grab | |
| | E. coli | 1/100mL | Grab | |
| e. | Fluoride | 100 | Composite | |
| f. | Nitrate-Nitrite | 20 | Composite | |
| g. | Nitrogen, total organic | - | - | |
| h. | Oil & Grease | 5 mg/l | Grab | |
| i. | Phosphorus, total | 50 | Composite | |
| j. | Radioactivity | - | - | |
| j(1) | Alpha, total | - | Composite | |
| j(2) | Beta, total | - | Composite | |
| j(3) | Radium, total | 10 | Composite | |
| j(4) | Radium 226, total | 10 | Composite | |
| k. | Sulfate | 5000 | Composite | |
| l. | Sulfide | 1000 | Grab | |
| | Sulfide (Un-Ionized) | 100 | | |
| m. | Sulfite | 2000 | Composite | |
| n. | Surfactants | 50 | Grab | |
| o. | Aluminum, total | 50 | Composite | |
| p. | Barium | 50 | Composite | |
| q. | Boron | 50 | Composite | |
| r. | Cobalt | 20 | Composite | |
| s. | Iron | 20 | Composite | |

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| t. | Magnesium | 50 | Composite | |
| u. | Molybdenum | 20 | Composite | |
| v. | Manganese | 10 | Composite | |
| w. | Tin | 10 | Composite | |
| x. | Titanium | 50 | Composite | |
| | Section V Part C: Metals, Cyanide and Phenols | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |
| 1M | Antimony | 5.0 | Composite | |
| 2M | Arsenic, total | 5.0 | Composite | |
| 3M | Beryllium | 1.0 | Composite | |
| 4M | Cadmium, total | 0.1 | Composite | |
| 5M | Chromium, total | 5.0 | Composite | |
| 6M | Copper, total | 10 | Composite | |
| 7M | Lead | 2.0 | Composite | |
| 8M | Mercury | 0.0005 | Grab | EPA 1669 (sampling); EPA 1631E (analysis) |
| 9M | Nickel | 10 | Composite | |
| 10M | Selenium | 5.0 | Composite | |
| 11M | Silver, total | 5.0 | Composite | |
| 12M | Thallium | 0.5 | Composite | |
| 13M | Zinc, total | 10 | Composite | |
| 14M | Cyanide, total | 10 | Grab | |
| 15M | Phenols, Total | 5.0 | Grab | |
| | Section V Part C: Dioxin | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |
| | 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin | 10 pg/l | Composite | |
| | Section V Part C: GC/MS Volatile Compounds | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |
| 1V | Acrolein | 5.0 | Grab | |
| 2V | Acrylonitrile | 5.0 | Grab | |
| 3V | Benzene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 4V | Bis (Chloromethyl) Ether | - | Composite | |
| 5V | Bromoform | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 6V | Carbon Tetrachloride | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 7V | Chlorobenzene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 8V | Chlorodibromomethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 9V | Chloroethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 10V | 2-Chloroethyl vinyl ether | 5.0 | Grab | |
| 11V | Chloroform | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 12V | Dichlorobromomethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 13V | Dichlorodifluoromethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 14V | 1,1-Dichloroethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 15V | 1,2-Dichloroethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 16V | 1,1-Dichloroethene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 17V | 1,2-Dichloropropane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 18V | 1,3-Dichloropropylene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 19V | Ethylbenzene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 20V | Methyl bromide | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 21V | Methyl chloride | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 22V | Methylene chloride | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 23V | 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 24V | Tetrachloroethylene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 25V | Toluene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 26V | 1,2-trans-dichloroethylene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 27V | 1,1,1-Trichloroethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 28V | 1,1,2-Trichloroethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 29V | Trichloroethylene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 30V | Trichlorofluoromethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 31V | Vinyl chloride | 2.0 | Grab | |
| | Section V Part C: GC/MS Fraction Acid Compounds | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |

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| 1A | 2-Chlorophenol | 10 | Composite | |
| 2A | 2,4-Dichlorophenol | 10 | Composite | |
| 3A | 2,4-Dimethylphenol | 10 | Composite | |
| 4A | 4,6-Dinitro-o-cresol | 10 | Composite | |
| 5A | 2,4-Dinitrophenol | 50 | Composite | |
| 6A | 2-Nitrophenol | 10 | Composite | |
| 7A | 4-Nitrophenol | 10 | Composite | |
| 8A | 4-Chloro-3-methylphenol (P-Chloro-m-cresol) | 10 | Composite | |
| 9A | Pentachlorophenol | 10 | Composite | |
| 10A | Phenol | 10 | Composite | |
| 11A | 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol | 10 | Composite | |
| | Section V Part C: GC/MS Fraction | | | |
| No. | Base-Neutral Compounds | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |
| 1B | Acenaphthene | 10 | Composite | |
| 2B | Acenaphthylene | 10 | Composite | |
| 3B | Anthracene | 10 | Composite | |
| 4B | Benzidine | 100 | Composite | |
| 5B | Benzo(a)anthracene | 10 | Composite | |
| 6B | Benzo(a)pyrene | 10 | Composite | |
| 7B | 3,4-benzofluoranthene | 10 | Composite | |
| 8B | Benzo(ghi)perylene | 10 | Composite | |
| 9B | Benzo(k)fluoranthene | 10 | Composite | |
| 10B | Bis(2-chloroethoxy) methane | 10 | Composite | |
| 11B | Bis(2-chloroethyl)ether | 10 | Composite | |
| 12B | Bis (2-Chloro-1-methylethyl)ether (2,2'-Oxybis(2-chloro-propane)) ¹ | 10 | Composite | |
| 13B | Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate | 10 | Composite | |
| 14B | 4-Bromophenyl phenyl ether | 10 | Composite | |
| 15B | Butyl Benzyl Phthalate | 10 | Composite | |
| 16B | 2-Chloronaphthalene | 10 | Composite | |
| 17B | 4-Chlorophenyl phenyl ether | 10 | Composite | |
| | Section V Part C: GC/MS Fraction | | | |
| No. | Base-Neutral Compounds | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |
| 18B | Chrysene | 10 | Composite | |
| 19B | Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene | 10 | Composite | |
| 20B | 1,2-Dichlorobenzene | 2.0 | Grab | See Footnote 3 |
| 21B | 1,3-Dichlorobenzene | 2.0 | Grab | See Footnote 3 |
| 22B | 1,4-Dichlorobenzene | 2.0 | Grab | See Footnote 3 |
| 23B | 3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine | 10 | Composite | |
| 24B | Diethyl phthalate | 10 | Composite | |
| 25B | Dimethyl phthalate | 10 | Composite | |
| 26B | Di-n-butyl phthalate | 10 | Composite | |
| 27B | 2,4-Dinitrotoluene | 10 | Composite | |
| 28B | 2,6-Dinitrotoluene | 10 | Composite | |
| 29B | Di-n-octyl phthalate | 10 | Composite | |
| 30B | 1,2 Diphenylhydrazine | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| 31B | Fluoranthene | 10 | Composite | |
| 32B | Fluorene | 10 | Composite | |
| 33B | Hexachlorobenzene | 10 | Composite | |
| 34B | Hexachlorobutadiene | 10 | Composite | |
| 35B | Hexachlorocyclopentadiene | 10 | Composite | |
| 36B | Hexachloroethane | 10 | Composite | |
| 37B | Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene | 10 | Composite | |
| 38B | Isophorone | 10 | Composite | |
| 39B | Naphthalene | 10 | Composite | |
| 40B | Nitrobenzene | 10 | Composite | |
| 41B | n-Nitrosodimethylamine | 10 | Composite | |
| 42B | n-Nitrosodi-n-propylamine | 10 | Composite | |

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| 43B | n-Nitrosodiphenylamine | 10 | Composite | |
| 44B | Phenanthrene | 10 | Composite | |
| 45B | Pyrene | 10 | Composite | |
| 46B | 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene | 2.0 | Grab | See Footnote 3 |
| No. | Section V Part C: Pesticides | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |
| 1P | Aldrin | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 2P | alpha-BHC | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 3P | beta-BHC | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 4P | gamma-BHC | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 5P | delta-BHC | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 6P | Chlordane | 0.50 | Composite | |
| 7P | 4,4'-DDT | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 8P | 4,4'-DDE | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 9P | 4,4'-DDD | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 10P | Dieldrin | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 11P | Endosulfan I (a-Endosulfan) | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 12P | Endosulfan II (b-Endosulfan) | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 13P | Endosulfan sulfate | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 14P | Endrin | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 15P | Endrin aldehyde | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 16P | Heptachlor | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 17P | Heptachlor Epoxide | 0.050 | Composite | |
| 18-24P | Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs, Aroclors) | 0.50 | Composite | |
| 25P | Toxaphene | 0.50 | Composite | |
| | Other Parameters | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |
| | Acetone | 50 | Grab | 8260B |
| | Alachlor | 0.05 | Composite | 8081B |
| | Atrazine | 1.0 | Composite | 8141B |
| | AOX (Adsorbable Organic Halides) | 20 | - | |
| | n-Butylbenzene | 5.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| | sec-Butylbenzene | 5.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| | tert-Butylbenzene | 5.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| | Carbofuran | 10 | Composite | 8318A |
| | 3-Chlorophenol | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| | 4-Chlorophenol | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| | Chlorophenoxy Herbicide 2,4,5,-TP | 5.0 | Composite | |
| | Chlorophenoxy Herbicide 2,4-D | 5.0 | Composite | |
| | Chloropyrifos | 1.0 | Composite | 8141B |
| | Chromium III | 10 | Composite | Chromium total result minus Chromium VI result |
| | Chromium VI | 10 | Grab | |
| | Other Parameters | PQL (µg/l) | Sample Type | Alternative or Department Approved Methods |
| | Dalapon | 5.0 | Composite | 8151A |
| | Demeton, O & S | 2.0 | Composite | 8141B |
| | Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate | 10 | Composite | 525.2 |
| | 1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP) | 0.02 | Grab | 8011 |
| | 1,1-Dichloroethylene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| | 1,2-cis-Dichloroethylene | 2.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| | 1,2-trans-Dichloroethylene | 2.0 | Grab | |
| | 2,3-Dichlorophenol | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| | 2,5-Dichlorophenol | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| | 2,6-Dichlorophenol | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| | 3,4-Dichlorophenol | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| | Diisopropylether | - | Grab | 8260B |
| | Dinoseb | 2.0 | Composite | 8151A |
| | 1,4 Dioxane | 2.0 | Grab | 8260B SIM |
| | Diquat | 1.0 | - | 549.2 |
| | Dissolved Oxygen | - | Grab | |

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| Endothall | 20 | - | 548.1 |
| Enterococcus | 1/100mL | Grab | |
| Ethylene dibromide (EDB) | 0.02 | Grab | 8011 |
| Formaldehyde | 50 | Grab | 8315 |
| Glyphosate | 10 | - | 547 |
| Guthion (Azinphos-methyl) | 1.0 | Composite | 8141B |
| 2-Hexanone | 10 | Grab | 8260B |
| Isopropylbenzene | 5.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| p-Isopropyltoluene | 5.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| Malathion | 1.0 | Composite | |
| 2-Methyl-4-Chlorophenol | 20 | Composite | 8270D |
| 3-Methyl-6-Chlorophenol | 20 | Composite | 8270D |
| 4-Methyl-2-Pentanone | 10 | Grab | 8260B |
| 1-Methylnaphthalene | - | Composite | 8270D |
| 2-Methylnaphthalene | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| Methoxychlor | 0.50 | Composite | See Footnote 2 |
| Mirex | 10 | Composite | |
| Nitrate | 20 | Composite | |
| Nitrite | 20 | Composite | |
| Nitrosodibutylamine | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| Nitrosodiethylamine | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| Nitrosopyrrolidine | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| Oxamyl | 20 | Composite | 531.1, 8321B |
| Parathion, methyl & ethyl | 0.20 | Composite | |
| Pentachlorobenzene | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| Pentachlorethane | 2.0 | Grab | 8260B(DAI) |
| Picloram | 1.0 | Composite | 8151A |
| n-Propylbenzene | 5.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| Salinity | - | Grab | |
| Simazine | 0.10 | Composite | 8141B |
| Styrene | 2.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| 1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| 2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| Tetrahydrofuran | 20 | Grab | |
| Tributyltin | - | - | |
| Trichlorofluoromethane | 2.0 | Grab | |
| 2,4,5-Trichlorophenol | 10 | Composite | 8270D |
| 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene | 5.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene | 5.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| Turbidity | 1 NTU | Grab | |
| Vinyl Acetate | 5.0 | Grab | 8260B |
| Xylenes, total | 6.0 | Grab | 8260B |

¹ Formerly Bis(2-chloroisopropyl) ether

² EPA 608 may be used for Methoxychlor, however the QC requirements from EPA 608.2 must be met.

³ 1,2-Dichlorobenzene, 1,3-Dichlorobenzene, 1,4-Dichlorobenzene, and 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene are regulated as volatile compounds. Refer to 40 CFR Part 136.