

DoD Environmental Data Quality Workgroup Memorandum

EPA Method 1633 Clarification Update

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The EPA Office of Water has released the final version of EPA Method 1633. The EDQW provides the following clarification and instruction to laboratories and accrediting bodies (AB).

- The EDQW does not require laboratory accreditation to any particular version of EPA Method 1633.
- Laboratories seeking accreditation to the final version of EPA Method 1633 shall follow the requirements of Table B-24 of the DoD/DOE Quality Systems Manual for Environmental Laboratories, Version 6.0 (QSM 6.0). The laboratory only needs to comply with each QC Check identified in Table B-24 of QSM 6.0 and does not need to comply with all specifications of QSM 6.0.
- The matrix duplicate requirement identified in Table B-24 of QSM 6.0 may be omitted for matrices other than AFFF, because that requirement was removed from the final version of EPA Method 1633.
- The AB may update a laboratory's accreditation to a newer version of EPA Method 1633 through a document and record review. New PTs, DLs, LODs, LOQs and Initial Demonstration of Capabilities (IDOCs) are not required, unless the update will impact these parameters.
- The AB shall identify the final version of EPA Method 1633 on the Certificate of Accreditation and the DENIX load sheet as "EPA 1633."
- The DENIX entries for "Draft EPA Method 1633" will be maintained in accordance with a laboratory's Certificate of Accreditation.

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