

US EPA approvals under the Clean Water Act correlated with SM edition numbers

The US EPA under the Clean Water Act lists methods that can be used to evaluate specific analytes. The EPA provides the method number and the approval year. Although the US EPA approves only one method, states may provide the option to laboratories to use prior methods.

To locate the edition in which a specific method appears, find the relevant method number in the left column and read across to locate the version noted by the EPA. Some versions appear in more than one edition of *Standard Methods*.

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2120 B		2120 B-2001	2120 B-2011	2120 B-2011
2120 F		...	2120 F-2011	2120 F-2011
2130 B		2130 B-2001	2130 B-2011	2130 B-2011
2310 B	2310 B-1997	2310 B-1997	2310 B-2011	2310 B-2011
2320 B	2320 B-1997	2320 B-1997	2320 B-2011	2320 B-2011
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2340 C	2340 C-1997	2340 C-1997	2340 C-2011	2340 C-2011
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2540 C	2540 C-1997	2540 C-1997	2540 C-2011	2540 C-2015
2540 D	2540 D-1997	2540 D-1997	2540 D-2011	2540 D-2015
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2540 F	2540 F-1997	2540 F-1997	2540 F-2011	2540 F-2015
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3111 C	3111 C-1999	3111 C-1999	3111 C-1999	3111 C-1999
3111 D	3111 D-1999	3111 D-1999	3111 D-2011	3111 D-2011
3111 E	3111 E-1999	3111 E-1999	3111 E-2010	3111 E-2010
3112 B			3112 B-2011	3112 B-2011
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3113 C			3113 C-2010	3113 C-2010
3114 B			3114 B-2009	3114 B-2011
3114 C			3114 C-2009	3114 C-2011
3120 B	3120 B-1999	3120 B-1999	3120 B-2009	3120 B-2011
3125 B			3125 B-2009	3125 B-2011
3500-AI B		3500-AI B-2001	3500-AI B-2011	3500-AI B-2011
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3500-Ca B	3500-Ca B-1997	3500-Ca B-1997	3500-Ca B-2011	3500-Ca B-2011
3500-Cd	3500-Cd-1990	3500-Cd-2001	3500-Cd-2001	3500-Cd-2001
3500-Cr B			3500-Cr B-2009	3500-Cr B-2011
3500-Cr C			3500-Cr C-2009	3500-Cr C-2011
3500-Cu B	3500-Cu B-1999	3500-Cu B-1999	3500-Cu B-2011	3500-Cu B-2011
3500-Cu C	3500-Cu C-1999	3500-Cu C-1999	3500-Cu C-2011	3500-Cu C-2011
3500-Fe B	3500-Fe B-1997	3500-Fe B-1997	3500-Fe B-2011	3500-Fe B-2011
3500-Pb B	3500-Pb B-1997	3500-Pb B-1997	3500-Pb B-2011	3500-Pb B-2011

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3500-Mn B	3500-Mn B-1999	3500-Mn B-1999	3500-Mn B-2011	3500-Mn B-2011
3500-K B	3500-K B-1997	3500-K B-1997	3500-K B-2011	3500-K B-2011
3500-K C	3500-K C-1997	3500-K C-1997	3500-K C-2011	3500-K C-2011
3500-Na B	3500-Na B-1997	3500-Na B-1997	3500-Na B-2011	3500-Na B-2011
3500-V B	3500-V B-1997	3500-V B-1997	3500-V B-2011	3500-V B-2011
3500-Zn B	3500-Zn B-1997	3500-Zn B-1997	3500-Zn B-2011	3500-Zn B-2011
4110 B		4110 B-2000	4110 B-2011	4110 B-2011
4110 C		4110 C-2000	4110 C-2011	4110 C-2011
4110 D		4110 D-2000	4110 D-2011	4110 D-2011
4140 B	4140 B-1997	4140 B-1997	4140 B-2011	4140 B-2011
4500-B B		4500-B B-2000	4500-B B-2011	4500-B B-2011
4500-Cl B		4500-Cl B-2000	4500-Cl B-2011	4500-Cl B-2011
4500-Cl C		4500-Cl C-2000	4500-Cl C-2011	4500-Cl C-2011
4500-Cl D		4500-Cl D-2000	4500-Cl D-2011	4500-Cl D-2011
4500-Cl E		4500-Cl E-2000	4500-Cl E-2011	4500-Cl E-2011
4500-Cl F		4500-Cl F-2000	4500-Cl F-2011	4500-Cl F-2011
4500-Cl G		4500-Cl G-2000	4500-Cl G-2011	4500-Cl G-2011
4500-Cl ⁻ B	4500-Cl ⁻ B-1997	4500-Cl ⁻ B-1997	4500-Cl ⁻ B-2011	4500-Cl ⁻ B-2011
4500-Cl ⁻ C	4500-Cl ⁻ C-1997	4500-Cl ⁻ C-1997	4500-Cl ⁻ C-2011	4500-Cl ⁻ C-2011
4500-Cl ⁻ D	4500-Cl ⁻ D-1997	4500-Cl ⁻ D-1997	4500-Cl ⁻ D-2011	4500-Cl ⁻ D-2011
4500-Cl ⁻ E	4500-Cl ⁻ E-1997	4500-Cl ⁻ E-1997	4500-Cl ⁻ E-2011	4500-Cl ⁻ E-2011
4500-CN ⁻ B	4500-CN ⁻ B-1999	4500-CN ⁻ B-1999	4500-CN ⁻ B-2011	4500-CN ⁻ B-2016
4500-CN ⁻ C	4500-CN ⁻ C-1999	4500-CN ⁻ C-1999	4500-CN ⁻ C-2011	4500-CN ⁻ C-2016
4500-CN ⁻ D	4500-CN ⁻ D-1999	4500-CN ⁻ D-1999	4500-CN ⁻ D-2011	4500-CN ⁻ D-2016
4500-CN ⁻ E	4500-CN ⁻ E-1999	4500-CN ⁻ E-1999	4500-CN ⁻ E-2011	4500-CN ⁻ E-2016
4500-CN ⁻ F	4500-CN ⁻ F-1999	4500-CN ⁻ F-1999	4500-CN ⁻ F-2011	4500-CN ⁻ F-2016
4500-CN ⁻ G	4500-CN ⁻ G-1999	4500-CN ⁻ G-1999	4500-CN ⁻ G-2011	4500-CN ⁻ G-2016
4500-CN ⁻ N	4500-CN ⁻ N-2016
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4500-F ⁻ C	4500-F ⁻ C-1997	4500-F ⁻ C-1997	4500-F ⁻ C-2011	4500-F ⁻ C-2011
4500-F ⁻ D	4500-F ⁻ D-1997	4500-F ⁻ D-1997	4500-F ⁻ D-2011	4500-F ⁻ D-2011
4500-F ⁻ E	4500-F ⁻ E-1997	4500-F ⁻ E-1997	4500-F ⁻ E-2011	4500-F ⁻ E-2011
4500-NH ₃ B	4500-NH ₃ B-1997	4500-NH ₃ B-1997	4500-NH ₃ B-2011	4500-NH ₃ B-2011
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4500-NH ₃ D	4500-NH ₃ D-1997	4500-NH ₃ D-1997	4500-NH ₃ D-2011	4500-NH ₃ D-2011
4500-NH ₃ E	4500-NH ₃ E-1997	4500-NH ₃ E-1997	4500-NH ₃ E-2011	4500-NH ₃ E-2011
4500-NH ₃ F	4500-NH ₃ F-1997	4500-NH ₃ F-1997	4500-NH ₃ F-2011	4500-NH ₃ F-2011

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4500-NH ₃ G	4500-NH ₃ G-1997	4500-NH ₃ G-1997	4500-NH ₃ G-2011	4500-NH ₃ G-2011
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4500-N _{org} B	4500-N _{org} B-1997	4500-N _{org} B-1997	4500-N _{org} B-2011	4500-N _{org} B-2011
4500-N _{org} C	4500-N _{org} C-1997	4500-N _{org} C-1997	4500-N _{org} C-2011	4500-N _{org} C-2011
4500-N _{org} D	4500-N _{org} D-1997	4500-N _{org} D-1997	4500-N _{org} D-2011	4500-N _{org} D-2011
4500-NO ₂ ⁻ B		4500-NO ₂ ⁻ B-2000	4500-NO ₂ ⁻ B-2011	4500-NO ₂ ⁻ B-2011
4500-NO ₃ ⁻ D		4500-NO ₃ ⁻ D-2000	4500-NO ₃ ⁻ D-2011	4500-NO ₃ ⁻ D-2016
4500-NO ₃ ⁻ E		4500-NO ₃ ⁻ E-2000	4500-NO ₃ ⁻ E-2011	4500-NO ₃ ⁻ E-2016
4500-NO ₃ ⁻ F		4500-NO ₃ ⁻ F-2000	4500-NO ₃ ⁻ F-2011	4500-NO ₃ ⁻ F-2016
4500-NO ₃ ⁻ H		4500-NO ₃ ⁻ H-2000	4500-NO ₃ ⁻ H-2011	4500-NO ₃ ⁻ H-2016
4500-NO ₃ ⁻ I	4500-NO ₃ ⁻ I-2016
4500-NO ₃ ⁻ J*
4500-H ⁺ B		4500-H ⁺ B-2000	4500-H ⁺ B-2011	4500-H ⁺ B-2011
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4500-P F	4500-P F-1999	4500-P F-1999	4500-P F-2011	4500-P F-2011
4500-P G	4500-P G-1999	4500-P G-1999	4500-P G-2011	4500-P G-2011
4500-P H	4500-P H-1999	4500-P H-1999	4500-P H-2011	4500-P H-2011
4500- SiO ₂ C	4500-SiO ₂ C-1997	4500-SiO ₂ C-1997	4500-SiO ₂ C-2011	4500-SiO ₂ C-2011
4500- SiO ₂ E	4500-SiO ₂ E-1997	4500-SiO ₂ E-1997	4500-SiO ₂ E-2011	4500-SiO ₂ E-2011
4500-SiO ₂ F	4500- SiO ₂ F-1997	4500- SiO ₂ F-1997	4500- SiO ₂ F-2011	4500- SiO ₂ F-2011
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4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ C	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ C-1997	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ C-1997	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ C-2011	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ C-2011
4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ D	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ D-1997	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ D-1997	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ D-2011	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ D-2011
4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ E	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ E-1997	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ E-1997	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ E-2011	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ E-2011
4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ F	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ F-1997	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ F-1997	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ F-2011	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ F-2011
4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ G	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ G-1997	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ G-1997	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ G-2011	4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ G-2011

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4500-S ² - B		4500-S ² - B-2000	4500-S ² - B-2011	4500-S ² - B-2011
4500-S ² - C		4500-S ² - C-2000	4500-S ² - C-2011	4500-S ² - C-2011
4500-S ² - D		4500-S ² - D-2000	4500-S ² - D-2011	4500-S ² - D-2011
4500-S ² - F		4500-S ² - F-2000	4500-S ² - F-2011	4500-S ² - F-2011
4500-S ² - G		4500-S ² - G-2000	4500-S ² - G-2011	4500-S ² - G-2011
5210		5210 B-2001	5210 B-2001	5210 B-2016
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5310 B		5310 B-2000	5310 B-2011	5310 B-2014
5310 C		5310 C-2000	5310 C-2011	5310 C-2014
5310 D		5310 D-2000	5310 D-2011	5310 D-2011
5520 B		5520 B-2001	5520 B-2011	5520 B-2011
5520 F		5520 F-2001	5520 F-2011	5520 B-2011
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5530 D		5530 D-2005	5530 D-2010	5530 D-2010
5540 C		5540 C-2000	5540 C-2011	5540 C-2011
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6200 C	6200 C-1997	6200 C-1997	6200 C-2011	6200 C-2011
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6420 B		6420 B-2000	6420 B-2000	6420 B-2000
6440 B		6440 B-2005	6440 B-2005	6440 B-2005
6630 B		6630 B-2000	6630 B-2007	6630 B-2007
6630 C		6630 C-2000	6630 C-2007	6630 C-2007
6640 B		6640 B-2001	6640 B-2006	6640 B-2006
7110 B	7110 B	7110 B	7110 B	7110 B
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7500-Ra C	7500-Ra C	7500-Ra C	7500-Ra C	7500-Ra C
9213 D			9213 D-2007	9213 D-2007
9221 B			9221 B-2006	9221 B-2015
9221 C			9221 C E-2006	9221 C E-2006
9221 D			9222 D-1997	9222 D-2015
9221 E			9221 C E-2006	9221 E-2014
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9222 D		9222 D-1997	9222 D-2006	9222 D-2015
9222 G	9222 G-1997	9222 G-1997	9222 G-2006	
9222 I				9222 I-2015
9223 B			9223 B-2004	9223 B-2016
9230 B			9230 B-2007	9230 B-2013
9230 C			9230 C-2007	9230 C-2013
9230 D			9230 D-2007	9230 D-2013

Note: At times the EPA may approve a method that has not yet been published in print format but has been approved by the Standard Methods Committee and is published online.

Note:

SM 18th edition = 1992

SM 19th edition = 1995

SM 20th edition = 1999

SM 21st edition = 2005

SM 22nd edition = 2012

SM 23rd edition = 2017

SM Online methods = see web site for latest available version

CWA approval information from:

40 CFR 136.3 (as of 22 April 2022)

Table 1A – List of Approved Biological Methods for Wastewater and Sewage Sludge

Table 1B – List of Approved Inorganic Test Procedures

Table 1C – List of Approved Test Procedures for Non-Pesticide Organic Compounds

Table 1D – List of Approved Test Procedures for Pesticides

Table 1E – List of Approved Radiologic Test Procedures

Table 1H – List of Approved Microbiological Methods for Ambient Water

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