

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 15.—Application for Permits; Domestic Water Supply

28-15-35d. Proficiency testing.

(a) Laboratory management applying for certification or maintaining certification of a laboratory, excluding field laboratories, shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Participate in proficiency testing studies obtained from a nationally certified proficiency testing provider;

(2) meet all PT sample requirements in "volume 1 management and technical requirements for laboratories performing environmental analysis," adopted by reference in K.A.R. 28-15-36;

(3) demonstrate the successful performance of proficiency testing studies for each field of accreditation maintained by the certified laboratory or applied for by laboratory management; and

(4) direct the proficiency testing provider to report their results to the department.

(b) Laboratory management may report multiple results for the same field of proficiency testing from one PT sample, if using more than one method and type of technology.

(c) Laboratory management shall meet the following requirements during participation in a proficiency testing study and before the release of the results of the study:

(1) The laboratory management and all analysts shall ensure that all PT samples are handled, managed, analyzed, and reported utilizing the staff, methods, procedures, equipment, quality controls, facilities, and frequency of analysis used for routine analysis of real environmental samples.

(2) The laboratory management and all personnel shall not send PT samples to any other laboratory for any analysis applied for certification.

(3) The laboratory management and all personnel shall not knowingly accept PT samples from any other laboratory for any analysis for a field of accreditation for which the sender is seeking certification.

(4) The laboratory management and all personnel shall not exchange or offer information about PT sample results with any other laboratory.

(5) The laboratory management and all personnel shall not attempt to obtain the true values of any PT samples from the proficiency testing provider.

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