

Lab New Method Request Instructions – New PFAS Rule

The **LCP** will only grant certification for the following methods that have been federally approved under the new PFAS Rule:

- [EPA Method 533](#) (USEPA, 2019B)
- [EPA Method 537.1, Version 2.0](#) (USEPA, 2020c)

The PFAS contaminants addressed by the new regulation can be measured by both methods. Either method is acceptable for meeting monitoring requirements of this regulation.

In-State Labs Seeking Certification of New PFAS Methods

The **LCP** anticipates being ready to directly certify all in-state labs by the start of April 2025. Certification will be based on a case-by-case basis, dictated minimally by the following criteria:

PHASE I

An informal request can be made by the lab's current lab director via email to the **LCP**. The process will be the same as any current request for other new method/analytes, which includes submission of the following:

- **Requested Test Method List** (*most recent version can be found on the [LCP Homepage](#)*)
- Successful Proficiency Test for each method (*within the last 12 months of request date*)
 - *As of June 25, 2024, labs must achieve quantitative results that are within acceptance limits $\pm 30\%$ of the true value for each PFAS contaminant.*
- Site specific Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for each new method

PHASE II

Once received, the **LCP** will schedule an onsite audit/assessment for the newly requested method(s).

The **LCP** will grant certification and issue a revised parameter list after vetting all the above items. All requests must be submitted to **LCP's** General Email address: mde.labcertification@maryland.gov

Out-of-State Labs Certification of New PFAS Methods

The **LCP** will recognize certification for new PFAS methods based on reciprocity. If either method is already certified by the Out-of-State lab's home accreditation body (AB), the following items must be submitted:

- **Requested Test Method List** (*most recent version can be found on the [LCP Homepage](#)*)
- Successful Proficiency Test for each method (*within the last 12 months of request date*)
 - *As of June 25, 2024, labs must achieve quantitative results that are within acceptance limits $\pm 30\%$ of the true value for each PFAS contaminant.*
- Home AB's Certificate & Scope of Certified Methods

The **LCP** will grant certification and issue a revised parameter list after vetting all the above items. All requests must be submitted to **LCP's** General Email address: mde.labcertification@maryland.gov