

GUIDANCE FOR POTWs AND SIUs TO DOCUMENT  
THAT METHODS APPROVED UNDER 40 CFR PART 136  
WERE USED FOR WASTEWATER ANALYSES

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Region VIII has experienced significant problems with POTWs reporting chemical analyses that used an incorrect method, i.e. SW846 Methods, for wastewater samples. Further, many POTWs and industrial users do not follow-up on reports to determine if correct methodology was used. To assure that correct analytical methods are being used, the POTW should consider a certification statement accompany all wastewater samples submitted for analysis, whether the samples are an IUs self-monitoring sample or the POTWs compliance monitoring for the pretreatment program. This does not take the place of review by the POTW of analytical reports that are submitted by the IU. The POTW may wish to create its own certification statement. One suggestion may be:

"I certify that these analyses and resulting report(s) were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly analyze all samples and accurately report the results. I further certify that all analyses were performed in accordance with methods approved for wastewater under the latest revision to 40 CFR Part 136. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for analyzing the wastewater samples and generating the report(s), the analyses, report, and information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. "

Signature

Title

Date

Name of Laboratory:

Address of Laboratory:

This Certification Signed by (Type Name):