



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3745-89-09 Interim authorization for plant control tests or MMO-MUG (SM 9223 B) tests.

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(A) A laboratory with a valid and unexpired certification under this chapter may request that the director grant an individual interim authorization to perform for the laboratory one or more of the plant control tests for pH, turbidity, alkalinity, stability, hardness, fluoride, chloride, chlorite, or MMO-MUG (SM 9223 B) tests according to the following:

(1) The director shall grant interim authorization only to individuals who have performed acceptably during parallel testing defined in paragraph (A)(3)(d) or (A)(3)(e) of this rule. Acceptable performance for plant control or MMO-MUG (SM 9223 B) tests is defined in Chapter 5 Section B. of the Ohio EPA Laboratory Manual for Chemical Analyses of Public Drinking Water 2025 and Ohio EPA Laboratory Manual for Microbiological Analyses of Public Drinking Water 2025, respectively.

(2) The number of individuals requested for interim authorization by the laboratory may be limited due to number of analyses requested.

(3) A laboratory shall submit an application for interim authorization to the director on a form provided by the director. The application shall include the following information:

(a) The name, address and telephone number of the laboratory and of the individual responsible for the laboratory.

(b) The list of analysts specified on the laboratory's applicable certificates and the plant control tests which each analyst currently performs.

(c) The list of individuals and the plant control tests or MMO-MUG (SM 9223 B) tests for which interim authorization is sought.

(d) Documentation for each individual on each plant control test requested for interim authorization



of at least twenty days of analytical results generated in parallel testing with an analyst included on a certificate for those same plant control tests. The previous certification of an individual to perform plant control tests may be considered for reducing this requirement.

(e) Documentation for each individual requesting interim authorization for MMO-MUG (SM 9223 B) shall include seven samples per day totaling at least twenty-one samples, including the required quality control samples, with results generated in parallel testing with an analyst included on a certificate for MMO-MUG (SM 9223 B) tests. The previous certification of an individual to perform MMO-MUG (SM 9223 B) tests may be considered for satisfying this requirement.

(B) In order for an individual to be granted interim authorization for any plant control or MMO-MUG (SM 9223 B) tests, the results required by paragraphs (A)(3)(d) and (A)(3)(e) of this rule shall indicate the individual has an acceptable performance as defined in paragraph (A)(1) of this rule.

(C) The analytical results produced by the individual with interim authorization shall be independently reviewed by an analyst included on a certificate for the same tests as those granted for interim authorization.

(D) Within six months of an interim authorization, a survey will be scheduled. Interim authorization shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed six months, unless an extension is granted or, if a survey is scheduled or has been conducted, until the survey report is issued.

(E) The laboratory shall demonstrate an acceptable level of performance, by all individuals for which interim authorization is sought, during a survey as described in paragraph (A)(5) of rule 3745-89-03 of the Administrative Code.