

567—83.1 (455B) Authority, purpose, and applicability.

83.1(1) Authority. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 455B.113, a laboratory certification program is required for laboratories performing analyses of samples which are required to be submitted to the department as a result of Iowa Code provisions, rules, operation permits, or administrative orders. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 455B.114, the department may suspend or revoke the certification of a laboratory upon determination of the department that the laboratory no longer fulfills one or more of the requirements for certification.

83.1(2) Purpose. The purpose of these rules is to provide the procedures for laboratories to use to apply for certification, to establish laboratory certification fees, to maintain certification, and to provide the appropriate methods and references for evaluating laboratory competence including the requirements for laboratories to become certified.

83.1(3) Applicability to environmental program areas.

a. Water supply (drinking water). The requirements of this chapter apply to all laboratories conducting drinking water analyses pursuant to 567—Chapters 40, 41, 42, and 43. Routine, on-site monitoring for alkalinity, calcium, conductivity, residual disinfectant, orthophosphate, pH, silica, temperature, turbidity and on-site operation and maintenance-related analytical monitoring are excluded from this requirement, and may be performed by a Grade I, II, III, or IV certified operator meeting the requirements of 567—Chapter 81, any person under the supervision of a Grade I, II, III, or IV certified operator meeting the requirements of 567—Chapter 81, or a laboratory certified by the department to perform water supply analyses under this chapter.

b. Underground storage tanks. The requirements of this chapter also apply to all laboratories conducting underground storage tank analyses for petroleum constituents pursuant to 567—Chapter 135. Routine on-site monitoring conducted by or for underground storage tank owners for leak detection or a nonregulatory purpose is excluded from this requirement.

c. Wastewater. The requirements of this chapter also apply to all laboratories conducting analyses of wastewater, groundwater or sewage sludge pursuant to 567—Chapters 63, 67, and 69. Routine on-site monitoring for pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, total residual chlorine and other pollutants that must be analyzed immediately upon sample collection, settleable solids, physical measurements such as flow and cell depth, and operational monitoring tests specified in 567—subrule 63.3(4) are excluded from this requirement.

d. Solid waste and contaminated sites. The requirements of this chapter also apply to all laboratories conducting analyses of solid waste parameters pursuant to 567—Chapters 100 through 130, contaminated site parameters pursuant to 567—Chapters 133 and 137, and regulated substances other than petroleum parameters regulated under 567—Chapter 135. Any parameter that must be analyzed immediately upon sample collection is excluded from the requirements of this chapter. Any samples collected or testing conducted that is not part of the specific monitoring required by the department for regulatory purposes are also excluded from the requirements of this chapter.