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Kentucky Policy on Proficiency Test Failure Due to Reporting Error

The following information is relevant to drinking water and wastewater proficiency test (PT) study reports. The Kentucky Division of Water Laboratory Certification Program (KLCP) has reviewed the issue of errors submitted by laboratories on their PT study reports. In order to be consistent with US EPA Region 4 policy, KLCP has adopted the following position regarding errors submitted on PT study reports: The PT study must be repeated for all analyte-method pairs affected by a reporting error. In accordance with the EPA Manual¹ and Kentucky Wastewater Manual², “PT samples are to be treated the same as routine compliance samples, and the correct reporting of the results is critical.” **KLCP will not accept revised PT reports from Kentucky certified laboratories.**

References:

1. EPA Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water: Criteria and Procedures Quality Assurance, 5th Edition, EPA 815-R-05-004 (January 2005); Chapter III, Section 13.1
2. Commonwealth of Kentucky Wastewater Laboratory Certification Manual (June 2013); Chapter II, Section 5.1.

Please contact the Division of Water Laboratory Certification Program if any additional information or clarification is required.

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