

**10A NCAC 42D .0236 CERTIFICATION OF OUT-OF-STATE LABS**

(a) An out-of-state laboratory shall meet all the following conditions to obtain North Carolina certification to perform analyses for compliance with 15A NCAC 18C .1500:

- (1) The laboratory shall be certified under a program administered by the state in which facility is located or by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If a state has no program for certifying drinking water laboratories, an on-site evaluation may be performed and certification granted by the North Carolina Drinking Water Certification Branch for the analysis of drinking water in the state of North Carolina.
- (2) The laboratory shall provide this office with its EPA performance evaluation data within 30 days of the receipt of those data;
- (3) An initial on-site inspection shall be conducted by one or more laboratory certification evaluators at the requesting laboratory's expense. The Department shall not be required to conduct follow-up inspections more than once per year. Follow-up inspections shall be conducted at the requesting laboratory's expense.
- (4) The laboratory shall pay fees as prescribed in Rule .0233 of this Section; and
- (5) The laboratory shall notify the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources within 30 days of any changes in its certification status pursuant to the actions of another agency.

(b) The laboratory's failure to comply with any or all of the conditions in Paragraph (a) of this Rule will prevent the laboratory from obtaining certification in North Carolina or result in downgrading or decertification in North Carolina.

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