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UCMR3 Monitoring Begins January 2013

The EPA's third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) begins this month. The UCMR program was established to monitor the occurrence and concentrations of up to 30 unregulated contaminants that are thought to occur in many public water systems and may warrant regulation. Using the Contaminant Candidate List (CCL), EPA selects a new list every five years to determine if new regulations are needed. The third and most recent list of unregulated contaminants that will require monitoring under UCMR3 are split up into three tiers: Assessment Monitoring, Screening Survey, and Pre-Screen Testing.

Assessment Monitoring: All systems serving more than 10,000, and a representative group of 800 systems serving 10,000 or fewer will perform assessment monitoring for 20 List 1 contaminants, plus Total Chromium.

Screening Survey: All systems serving more than 100,000; 320 systems serving 10,001 to 100,000; and a group of systems serving 10,000 or fewer will be required to monitor the List 2 contaminants.

Pre-Screen Testing: A group of 800 non-disinfecting ground water systems serving 1,000 or fewer will be required to perform pre-screen testing for the List 3 contaminants, plus indicator organisms.

By now, all PWSs that will be required to participate in the UCMR3 program should have received their Sampling Schedule from the EPA. This time around, systems purchasing 100% of their water and serving greater than 10,000 people will also be required to participate. This should greatly improve exposure estimates for UCMR3 since they will be based on where the water is consumed, rather than where it is sold. PWSs are required to use only EPA-approved laboratories for UCMR3 compound analyses, and **Accurate Labs is the only commercial laboratory in Oklahoma that is fully certified for drinking water analysis, and one of the very few labs in the nation that are fully certified by the EPA for UCMR3 analysis.**

If you have questions about the UCMR3 program or your system's testing requirements, the friendly and knowledgeable staff at Accurate can review your sampling schedule with you and provide all required sampling containers and an ice chest in which to ship your samples. Accurate Environmental also provides **field and sampling services**, as well as **weekly sample pick-up routes** throughout the State offering their clients with a more **cost-effective, convenient, and safer** way to transport samples to the lab. **Contact Danny Chance at Accurate Labs** for more information about UCMR3 and to find out how Accurate can help you stay in compliance with all of your testing requirements. Visit them online at www.accuratelabs.com.

You can find more information about UCMR3, including a breakdown of the 3-tier contaminant list at the following EPA website:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/05/02/2012-9978/revisions-to-the-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-regulation-ucmr-3-for-public-water-systems>