
State Water Resources Control Board

TO: Environmental Laboratory Technical Advisory Committee Members (ELTAC)

FROM: Christine Sotelo, Chief 
California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

DATE: December 13, 2018

SUBJECT: METHOD DETECTION LIMIT (MDL) REQUIREMENTS FOR CA ELAP FIELDS
OF TESTING (FOTS) RECOMMENDATION

At the November 13, 2018 meeting, ELTAC made a formal recommendation regarding MDLs in drinking water analytical test methods. ELAP can not accept or deny the recommendation at this time because CA ELAP needs more time to discuss the recommendation as acceptable to the Division of Drinking Water (DDW). DDW is the regulatory agency that utilizes the data for public health decisions and therefore must support the recommendation.

ELAP will notify ELTAC when a decision has been made or provide an update no later than the next ELTAC meeting in early 2019, whichever comes first.

cc: Sean McCarthy, Division of Drinking Water, SWRCB
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Attachment: ELTAC recommendation