

Boyd Rutherford Lieutenant Governor

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Interested Persons

FROM: Linda Ames, Water Quality Laboratory Certification

The attached list identifies laboratories, which have been certified, by the Maryland Department of Environment, to analyze drinking water. The contaminants in the list of approved tests are those specified by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency as primary contaminants for drinking water. Each laboratory is approved to analyze and report one or more groups of contaminants.

Certified laboratories are required to follow EPA-approved protocols regarding the handling and analysis of compliance samples. In Maryland, a certified sample collector must draw all compliance samples. For non-compliance (e.g., private residential or real estate) testing, we also recommend collection of those samples by a certified sample collector. This will enable the laboratory to vouch for the integrity of the test result.

Because the process of evaluation is ongoing, the status of a laboratory may change subsequent to publication of this list. If you have any questions about the current certification status of any laboratory on this list, please do not hesitate to call our office at 410-537-3729. You may also contact me by email me at <u>linda.ames@maryland.gov</u>

The current list is also available on the Internet at http://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/water\_supply/Pages/wsp-labcert.aspx