

## Testing and Monitoring Activities Methods Innovation Rule

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### What is this Federal Register About?

This is a proposed rule. EPA is proposing to amend a variety of the hazardous waste testing and monitoring requirements by removing the unnecessary required uses of methods found in "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods (i.e. SW-846) from the rules. The required use of SW-846 methods will be retained in those rules where the test method measures a method-defined regulatory parameter such as ignitability or corrosivity. The required uses of SW-846 test methods will be removed from 29 rules.

Also, EPA is proposing to withdraw the reactivity method guidelines from SW-846 Chapter Seven; amend the ignitability and corrosivity hazardous waste characteristic regulation by clarifying the use of certain methods; add Method 25A for analyses conducted in support of certain RCRA air emission standards; and remove a confidence limit requirement for certain feedstream analyses conducted under NESHAP.

Lastly, EPA is announcing the availability of a new guidance document for public comment entitled "RCRA Waste Sampling Draft Technical Guidance." EPA intends to eventually to replace the current Chapter Nine of SW-846 with this guidance.

### What does this mean to the regulated community?

The use of an appropriate method other than the SW-846 method will be an option for the regulated community not a requirement. This option should allow more flexibility when conducting hazardous waste related sampling and analysis.

### What does this mean to DHWM and/or Ohio EPA?

This action may impose additional burden on DHWM. This is because we may need to evaluate the alternative methods regulated entities plan to use/or used to ensure their scientific soundness.

### Will Ohio EPA be commenting on this Federal Register?

Yes, DHWM will be commenting on this proposed rule. If you are a DHWM employee and would like to provide comments, please contact Karen Hale to let her know. Written comments are due to Karen by December 2.

Federal Register Link: <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-WASTE/2002/October/Day-30/f26441.htm>

Federal Guidance Document: None

### RCRA Waste Sampling Draft Technical Guidance:

[http://cascade.epa.gov/RightSite/dk\\_public\\_collection\\_detail.htm?ObjectType=dk\\_docket\\_collection&cld=RCRA-2002-0025&ShowList=items&Action=view&txBlock=1&BT\\_ViewCollection=View+Docket](http://cascade.epa.gov/RightSite/dk_public_collection_detail.htm?ObjectType=dk_docket_collection&cld=RCRA-2002-0025&ShowList=items&Action=view&txBlock=1&BT_ViewCollection=View+Docket)