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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION

01/28/2021

Steven Rhode  
MWRA Central Laboratory  
190 Tafts Ave  
Winthrop, MA 02152

Re: Certificate of Accreditation  
DEP Lab ID No. 68-05750

Dear Laboratory Supervisor:

Enclosed is your new Certificate of Accreditation to operate as a Pennsylvania Accredited Laboratory. This Certificate of Accreditation expires **01/31/2022** unless suspended or revoked earlier. As a laboratory accredited in accordance with the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Act of June 29, 2002 (P.L. 596, No 90) (27 Pa C.S. §§ 4101 – 4113) and The Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Regulations of 25 Pa. Code Chapter 252 you are responsible for continual compliance with the accreditation Act and regulations promulgated thereunder. Failure to comply with all applicable Federal and Departmental laws and regulations may result in suspension or revocation of your laboratory's accreditation.

Your DEP laboratory identification number is **68-05750**. Please use this number on all correspondence with the PA Department of Environmental Protection (Department).

Your laboratory is accredited to perform only the analyses by the methods listed on the Scope of Accreditation that accompanies the Certificate of Accreditation. The Certificate of Accreditation remains the property of the Department and must be displayed in the laboratory.

Please note this certification must be renewed annually. Renewal applications must be submitted to the Department *no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the certification*. Failure to submit a renewal application within this time period may result in a lapse of the laboratory's accreditation. Should this occur, the laboratory may not conduct any further analyses for which accreditation is required and, if the laboratory is accredited to perform analyses on drinking water, the laboratory must notify the public water suppliers served by the laboratory of the laboratory's failure to renew its certificate of accreditation. Copies of the renewal application may be found on the Department's web site ([www.depweb.state.pa.us/labs](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/labs)).

If you have any questions concerning your certificate, you may contact your laboratory's accreditation officer Ronald Houck at 717-346-8210 or [rhouck@pa.gov](mailto:rhouck@pa.gov).

Sincerely,

Annmarie Beach, Chief  
Laboratory Accreditation Program

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# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### BUREAU OF LABORATORIES LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Certifies That

68-05750

MWRA Central Laboratory

190 Tafts Ave, Winthrop, MA, 02152

Having duly met the requirement of

Chapter 252 Regulations

issued under the act of June 29, 2002

(P.L. 596, No. 90) dealing with Environmental Laboratory Accreditation (27 Pa. C.S. 4104-4113)

is hereby approved as an

## Accredited Laboratory

to conduct analysis within the fields of accreditations more fully described in the attached Scope of Accreditation

Expiration Date: 01/31/2022

Certificate Number: 003

*Ammarie Beach*

Ammarie Beach, Chief

Laboratory Accreditation Program

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Continued accreditation status depends on successful ongoing participation in the program  
Certificate not transferable. Surrender upon revocation  
To be conspicuously displayed at the Laboratory  
Not valid unless accompanied by a valid Scope of Accreditation  
Shall not be used to imply endorsement by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Customers are urged to verify the laboratory's current accreditation status



**Laboratory Scope of Accreditation**

Attached to Certificate of Accreditation 003-001 expiration date 01/31/2022. This listing of accredited analytes should be used only when associated with a valid certificate of accreditation.

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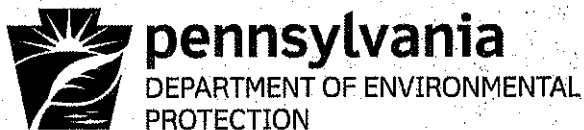
**DEP Laboratory ID: 68-05750**  
**EPA Lab Code: MA00153**  
**TNI Code: TNI02541**  
**PADWIS ID: 05750**

**Matrix: Solid and Chemical Materials**

<b>Method</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Accreditation Type</b>	<b>Primary State</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
SM 9221 E + EPA 625/R-92/013 Appendix F		Fecal coliform (Enumeration)	State	PA	01/28/2021

*Ammarie Beach*

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Laboratory Accreditation Program is a NELAP recognized Accreditation Body. Customers are urged to verify the laboratory's current accreditation standing.



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Re: Accreditation Status Change (A20-05750-02)  
DEP Lab # 68-05750

Dear Laboratory Supervisor:

On 05/12/2020, the Laboratory Accreditation Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") received a Part 1 — Initial/Renewal Application from your laboratory to change your accreditation type from secondary NELAP accreditation to primary Chapter 252 accreditation. The Department reviewed this application and associated materials, and performed an assessment of your laboratory on 11/16-17/2020. Your accreditation status in the Pennsylvania Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program has changed due to your application request. Your current accreditation status is as shown on the attached listing. That list of accredited fields of testing replaces all previous lists.

Your laboratory shall not use this Scope of Accreditation to imply endorsement by the Department. In order to maintain accreditation, your laboratory must remain in compliance with Departmental regulations.

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal, pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. Section 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. Chapter 5A, to the Environmental Hearing Board, Second Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457, 717-787-3483. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800-654-5984. Appeals must be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board within 30 days of receipt of written notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time period. Copies of the appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure may be obtained from the Board. The appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure are also available in braille or on audiotape from the Secretary to the Board at 717-787-3483. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

**IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS ACTION, YOUR APPEAL MUST REACH THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS. YOU DO NOT NEED A LAWYER TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD. IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE, HOWEVER, SO YOU SHOULD SHOW THIS DOCUMENT TO A LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION. CALL THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD (717-787-3483) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

If you have any questions please contact your laboratory's accreditation officer Ronald Houck at 717-346-8210 or rhouck@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annmarie Beach".

Annmarie Beach, Chief  
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Re: Close of Chapter 252 Assessment (O20-05750-01)  
DEP Lab # 68-05750

Dear Laboratory Supervisor:

On 01/21/2021, the Laboratory Accreditation Program of the Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") received your laboratory's corrective action report in response to the 11/16/2020 - 11/17/2020 on-site assessment. The Department completed a review of your laboratory's corrective action plan. The Department performed the assessment in accordance with:

- The Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Regulations of 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 252, and
- Act of June 29, 2002 (P.L. 596, No. 90) (dealing with environmental laboratory accreditation) (27 Pa.C.S. §§ 4101 - 4113).

The findings of the assessment indicate that your laboratory meets the minimum requirements for the Department to continue accreditation in the Pennsylvania Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program as specified by the above regulations.

In accordance with 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 252 § 252.702(b)(3), failure to implement and maintain the corrective action plan may result in revocation of accreditation for fields of testing, specific methods, or analytes within those fields of testing. Follow-up on-site assessments may be conducted to confirm compliance with Department regulations.

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Thank you for your assistance in the assessment effort. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your laboratory's accreditation officer Ronald Houck at 717-346-8210 or rhouck@pa.gov.

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