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Checklists for Wastewater Laboratory Inspections

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**Summary:**

Corrections to the laboratory inspection checklists for EPA Method 1664 (Oil and Grease) and Hydrogen Ion (pH) used for VPDES or VPA compliance monitoring have been made.

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<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/waterguidance/permits.html> .

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Two of the laboratory inspection checklists for analytical methods used for VPDES or

VPA *compliance* monitoring have been revised. The checklists are located on DEQNet at [http://deqnet/docs/default.asp?path=../main/water/Water\\_Inspections/Lab\\_Inspection](http://deqnet/docs/default.asp?path=../main/water/Water_Inspections/Lab_Inspection), and DEQ's web page at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/forms/checklist.html>. The following list indicates what changes were made:

**Oil and Grease Method HEM** rev 08/06 – EPA Method 1664 – [Changed # 11 - must verify balance calibration with each “analytical batch” instead of each “day of analysis”; #18 – glassware should be rinsed and baked.]

**pH Elec** rev 08/06 – pH [Eliminated #12 and 14 and removed the words “in addition to checking the ATC” from item # 13. These items addressed checking Automatic Temperature Compensation (ATC). Because ATC is only capable of adjusting the sensitivity of the electrode the lab would not be able to verify if it is functioning properly.]