



REGION 4 LABORATORY SERVICES AND APPLIED SCIENCE DIVISION
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Dr. Gladys Liehr, Interim Division Director
Florida Department of Health
Division of Disease Control and Health Protection
Bureau of Public Health Laboratories
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LSASD Project Number: 26-0124

Dear Dr. Liehr:

During the week of April 13, 2026, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, performed a drinking water assessment of the Florida Department of Health (FL DOH), Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (BPHL) - Jacksonville drinking water laboratory located in Jacksonville, FL, in accordance with 40 CFR 141.28.a which states that drinking water samples can only be analyzed by a lab Certified by the EPA or the State.

The EPA has completed its evaluation of the corrective actions submitted by the FL DOH, BPHL - Jacksonville Laboratory for EPA drinking water Certification. The EPA has determined that the findings and concerns identified in the assessment report have been adequately addressed and the corrective actions are acceptable.

The FL DOH, BPHL - Jacksonville Laboratory is hereby **Certified** for the analysis of microbiological drinking water contaminants using the analyte/method combinations listed in Attachment 1 for Safe Drinking Water Act compliance purposes. To retain certification, on an annual basis, the laboratory must successfully pass a drinking water proficiency test study for the analyte/method combinations listed in Attachment 1.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (404) 562-8590 or Kristin Trapp, Acting Laboratory Services Branch Supervisor, at (706) 355-8868.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Lamberth
Acting Director
Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division

cc: Dr. Susanne Crowe, FL DOH, BPHL, Jacksonville Laboratory Director
Sydney Cummings, FL DEP, DWRM, Environmental Administrator

Attachment 1

EPA, Region 4 Drinking Water Laboratory Certification

**Florida Department of Health
Bureau of Public Health Laboratories - Jacksonville
Drinking Water Microbiology Laboratory**

(Based on Annual Proficiency Testing and April 2026 On-site Assessment)

Analyte	Drinking Water Method	Revision/Edition	Certification Status
Total Coliforms	SM 9221D: P-A Broth and BGLBB	20 th edition	Certified
Total Coliforms	SM 9223B: Enzyme Substrate Test Colilert	20 th edition	Certified
Escherichia coli	SM 9221F: EC-MUG	20 th edition	Certified
Escherichia coli	SM 9223B: Enzyme Substrate Test Colilert	20 th edition	Certified
Heterotrophic Bacteria	SM 9215B: Pour Plate Method	20 th edition	Certified