



STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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To: Environmental Laboratories

From: The Laboratory Certification Section

Subject: Extractable Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (ETPH) Method

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in conjunction with the Environmental Research Institute (ERI) developed an analytical method for determining the extractable components of total petroleum hydrocarbons contamination in soils and ground water. The Department of Public Health Laboratory and the Environmental Laboratory Certification Section collaborated with the DEP and ERI on the method development.

The Public Health Code Regulation 19-4-1, Section 19a-36-A33 (4) (b) requires that approved environmental laboratories utilize only methods that meet the approval of the Department of Public Health (DPH). In general, methods that are approved nationally, for example by the Environmental Protection Agency, are routinely accepted by Connecticut. However, methods, which have not been approved nationally, may become approved in Connecticut by a two-tiered procedure involving a review and endorsement by the DPH Laboratory and the Environmental Laboratory Certification Section. On June 22, 1999, the Commissioner of DPH approved the method now known as the Connecticut ETPH Method.

A copy of this method is provided on the Environmental Laboratory Certification Section web page.