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Eurofins Eaton Analytical and EPA Region 9 offer UCMR3 educational seminars

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The latest round of EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3) will require all drinking water utilities serving more than 10,000 people to conduct extensive monitoring for 28 unregulated contaminants beginning as early as January 2013. Because this Rule was promulgated only a few months ago (May, 2012), many utilities are working hard to get ready for the Rule, including updating their sample points, selecting laboratories, submitting representative groundwater monitoring plans and learning about the details of sample collection for the highly sophisticated methods required in UCMR3. To date only five laboratories nationwide are approved for the full suite of UCMR3 contaminants, and Eurofins Eaton Analytical was the first commercial lab to receive full approval. Eurofins Eaton Analytical, with EPA Region 9 participation, presented a series of five seminars throughout the State of California for impacted utilities. Each seminar addressed the general requirements for UCMR3 (EPA); the requirements for a representative groundwater monitoring plan (EPA); and detailed information on sample collection, analysis and reporting for UCMR3, along with a discussion of communications strategies as a result of the expected high frequency of detection of many of the UCMR3 contaminants (Eurofins Eaton Analytical).

More than 100 impacted utilities attended these seminars and were able to use the opportunity to get clarification on numerous UCMR3 issues. More seminars are planned for the next few months to assist utilities. USEPA Region 9, noted that this was a great way to reach out to a large number of utilities. Rick Zimmer, Eurofins Sales Manager, who developed the seminar and was the main presenter, commented, "We have had nothing but positive responses from clients and that this helped them get their arms around a very complex rule."

This seminar followed the very successful AWWA UCMR3 webinar, attended by well over 600 people, where Dr. Andy Eaton, Eurofins Eaton Analytical Technical Director, presented on laboratory issues associated with UCMR3

Other information to assist utilities in complying with UCMR3, including slides from an EPA sponsored webinar attended by over 700 people, can be found on the EPA UCMR3 website (<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/ucmr/ucmr3/index.cfm>)

For further information on upcoming Eurofins Eaton Analytical seminars or to get copies of seminar presentations, contact Eurofins Eaton Analytical (use20_sales@eurofinsus.com). Eurofins Eaton Analytical was the first commercial lab to receive approval for all UCMR3 methods.

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