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2026-03 Water Quality Laboratory Services

Questions and Answers

November 13, 2026, Questions & Answers Cutoff date

The bid questions & answers may be viewed at the Board website at www.ccbh.net by clicking on the "Popular Links" tab on the home page.

Questions & Answers:

Q1. What are the quantities of the analyses requested?

A1.

Program	Parameters	Estimated Quantity
Beaches	E. coli (m-tec method, E. coli (Colilert Quanti-tray), cyanobacteria (Microscopic Identification), total microcystin (ELISA) or UHPLC-PDA for 6 variants of microcystin (RR, YR, LR, LA, LF, and LW) along with anatoxin-a and cylindrospermopsin, total Saxitoxin (ELISA), LC/MS/MS (identification of all toxins)	E. coli: approximately 500-600 samples total. Samples collected daily during the recreation season, mid-May through early September. 18-hour turnaround time is required. Toxin analysis is on an as-needed basis. Approximately 1-2 samples annually.
Household Sewage	E. coli, Fecal coliform, CBOD, BOD, Suspended Solids, Ammonia	NPDES samples – E. coli, Suspended Solids, & Ammonia: approximately 1,750 annually E. coli only – Point of sale/nuisance samples: approximately 200 annually
Solid Waste	BOD, COD, Total Suspended Solids, Total Dissolved Solids, Ortho phosphorous, Total Phosphorous, Ammonia, TKN, Chloride, Hexachrome, Metals (Cd, Cr, Cu, Fe, Pb, Ni, Zn), Hardness (CaCO3), pH	Infrequent/not common
Drinking Water	Total Coliform (MMO-MUG), E. coli (MMO-MUG), Nitrates, Nitrites, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Cyanide, Fluoride, Mercury, Selenium, Thallium	Total Coliform & E. coli: approximately 40-50 annually Nitrates/Nitrites: as-needed, infrequent

Stormwater	E. coli, Fecal coliform, CBOD, BOD, Suspended Solids, Ammonia	E. coli: Approximately 300-350 samples annually; Ammonia: approximately 20 samples annually
*Miscellaneous (not vital)	IMS/ATP for enterococci Drinking water analysis for: copper, iron, lead, magnesium, manganese, nickel, potassium, silver, sodium, strontium, zinc, total phosphorous, sulfate, chloride, VOCs, THMs	Infrequent/not common

Q2. Are we able to "no bid" an item?

A2. Yes, as CCBH is looking for 1-2 laboratories to provide analytical services.

Q3. Is the County willing to consider any changes to the contract terms (i.e., indemnification and liability)?

A3. The CCBH General Counsel will review proposed changes to contract terms on a case-by-case basis.

Q4. Is the Performance Bond/Certified Check mandatory? The RFP states "if applicable," but we did not see any forms or additional information regarding the bond.

A4. A performance bond is not required for this project.

Q5. Is there a sampling frequency or estimated quantity for the analyses, or should pricing be provided on a per-test basis?

A5. Pricing should be provided on a per-test basis. See the answer to Question 1 above.

Q6. Is a Level 1 data package sufficient? If not, what level of QA/QC data package is required?

A6. Yes.

Q7. We analyze and are OEPA-approved to perform Total Microcystins (ELISA) by Method 701.0, which reports Total, Intracellular, and Extracellular Microcystins. Will this be acceptable?

A7. Method 701 is acceptable to determine Total Microcystins, but the capability to test for Anatoxin-a, Cylindrospermopsin, and Total Saxitoxin levels is also required for comparison to the established thresholds for recreational waters.

Q8. We analyze and are OEPA-approved to perform qPCR using screening Method 705.0, which reports genetic markers for Cylindrospermopsin, Saxitoxin, and Microcystins. Will this be acceptable?

A8. The capability to test for Anatoxin-a, Cylindrospermopsin, and Total Saxitoxin levels is required for comparison to the established thresholds for recreational waters.