

BASIS STATEMENT

MAINE COMPREHENSIVE & LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION RULES 10-144 CMR 263

These rules certify laboratories by use of standards for certificate approval, analytical methods and quality assurance methods. Reliable technical and scientific analyses are essential for making sound decisions necessary for the protection of public health. With this in mind, the Maine environmental laboratory certification program has developed procedures and requirements for ensuring that laboratories are producing accurate and precise analytical results. Certification requires the laboratory's quality systems, staff, facilities, equipment, test methods, records and reports to be evaluated using objective and measurable criteria.