

How to interpret your drinking water system monitoring schedule:

- To find your system, hold the control key and press the F key. Type in the PWS ID and press enter.
- Contaminant Group column will indicate Inorganics, VOCs, SOCs, Secondary, or lead and copper
- Contaminant Name column will indicate a specific contaminant that may be on a special schedule. If no contaminant name is listed, the entire group of contaminants must be tested.
- Frequency column
 - A = annual, sample in 2020
 - T = triennial, sample in accordance with SMF. If for lead and copper, sample during June – September on SMF.
 - Q = quarterly
 - B = Biannual, only for lead and copper. January – June and July – December 2020
 - I = Initial, only for lead and copper. January – June and July – December 2020
 - R = Reduced, specifically lead and copper. Sample annual during June – September 2020
- Location Column – All Chems must be collected from the point of entry (POE). This may be indicated by AAA, AAB, or WTP1, etc. This is just a code for the POE in our database.
- Description Column – All DBPs are collected in the distribution system. The description is the physical address of the sampling location. All other contaminants will be N/A.
- Quarter Column – Only applicable for systems required to sample a contaminant in a specific quarter
 - Q 1 = January, February, March
 - Q 2 = April, May, June
 - Q 3 = July, August, September
 - Q 4 = October, November, December
- Date Column = the last day of the required monitoring period. For example, Q2 has an end date of 06/30/20.
- Comments Column – May contain more specific instructions.

Other important information:

- **Standard Monitoring Framework (SMF)** designates the year that systems conduct triennial monitoring based on system type and size
 - CWS population > 3,300 = 2020
 - CWS population < 3,300 = 2021
 - NTNC = 2022
- **All systems** must sample nitrate and nitrite from each point of entry (POE) annually
 - If a system is on increased, quarterly monitoring for either contaminant, the frequency field will be set to Q for quarterly
- **All DBPs** must be sampling in accordance with approved plan. Plans can be found in OCULUS under the profile *Sampling* and the document type *Disinfection By-Products Related*
 - Contact DEP if you cannot locate a sampling plan
 - Samples collected outside of the timeframe on the plan will not be accepted.
 - Systems on quarterly must designate the *month and week* of sampling.
 - Systems on annual or triennial must designate the *month* of sampling.
- The Department recommends that samples are collected early to allow time for resampling during the monitoring period if needed and to avoid missed monitoring violations.

- These schedules are a good faith effort by the Department to inform systems of their sampling requirements. Any error in the schedule does not relieve the system of their sampling requirements. All systems must sample in accordance with [62-550 Florida Administrative Code](#).
- Contact the Department by email if you have specific questions about your monitoring schedule.