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To: Commercial Laboratories and Environmental Service Companies and  
Consultants

From: Grover Nicholson, Chief, UST Section *Grover Nicholson*

Subject: Update on the January 1998 Massachusetts Department of Environmental  
Protection (MADEP) Method, effective on February 1, 2006.

The MADEP method is a performance-based method, and this characteristic has left some laboratories confused about the method's requirements. The updated version of May 2004 MADEP methods have addressed these requirements in more precise language. The revised methods include improved definitions, detailed descriptions of internal QC procedures, and suggestions for conducting the alternative GC/MS method.

A public comment period was open from October 4, 2005, to November 4, 2005, to discuss concerns with adopting the MADEP May 2004 guidance. The comments and responses to comments are posted on UST Section's web site at <http://ust.enr.state.nc.us/WhatsNew.html>. The adoption of the updated versions of the MADEP analyses becomes effective on February 1, 2006.

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