

Reporting Startup Total Coliform Samples in accordance with the RTCR

Seasonal systems are required to take Start-up total coliform sample(s) at each startup sampling point within 30 days prior to the system's start date. Startup samples are reported on the SDWA1 as sample type A.

Routine sample(s) for compliance are required in the same month the system is open. Routine samples for compliance must be taken according to the systems monitoring plan and reported on the SDWA1 as sample type D. Starting with October 2016 samples, the SDWA-S is no longer required.

For example: If a system's startup date is April 1st a startup sample(s) must be taken between March 2nd and March 31st and reported on the SDWA1 as a sample type A. The system's routine sample(s) must be taken during the month of April and reported on the SDWA1 as a sample type D. If coliform sample(s) were taken prior to October 2016, they also need to be reported on the SDWA-S.

If a system's startup date is April 15th startup sampling must be performed between March 16th and April 14th and routine sampling **must** be performed between April 15th and April 30th (i.e., in the same month as the opening/start date).

Notes:

- Failure to take and report a startup sample(s) and/or routine sample(s) for compliance results in a treatment technique and/or failure to monitor and/or failure to report violation.
- Chlorine samples are not required with the startup total coliform sample. If taken, they should be reported on the SDWA-1 form.
- Systems which chlorinate, must take a chlorine sample with each routine total coliform sample and with each check sample, if any. These chlorine sample results must be reported on a monthly SDWA-S form for compliance.