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EQUIVALENT TESTING METHODOLOGIES FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER

FDA has determined that the following methods are “scientifically valid” and “at least equivalent to the method of analysis in § 112.151(a) in accuracy, precision, and sensitivity”\(^1\):


2. **Method 1604** – Total Coliforms and *Escherichia coli* in Water by Membrane Filtration Using a Simultaneous Detection Technique (MI Medium) (September 2002). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. EPA-821-R-02-024.


\(^1\) 21 CFR § 112.151(b)(1).

6. **Hach Method 10029 for Coliforms – Total and *E. coli***, using m-ColiBlue24® Broth PourRite Ampules.

7. **IDEXX Colilert® Test Kit**, but only if using IDEXX Quanti-Tray/2000 for quantification.


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