

144.97 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The definitions in this section apply to section 144.98.

Subd. 2. **Accreditation.** "Accreditation" means written acknowledgment that a laboratory has the policies, procedures, equipment, and practices to produce reliable data in the analysis of environmental samples.

Subd. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

Subd. 4. **Commercial laboratory.** "Commercial laboratory" means a laboratory that performs tests on samples on a contract or fee-for-service basis.

Subd. 5. **Environmental sample.** "Environmental sample" means a substance derived from a nonhuman source and collected for the purpose of analysis.

Subd. 5a. **Field of testing.** "Field of testing" means the combination of analyte, method, matrix, and test category for which a laboratory may hold accreditation.

Subd. 6. **Laboratory.** "Laboratory" means the state, a person, corporation, or other entity, including governmental, that examines, analyzes, or tests samples in a specified physical location.

Subd. 7. **Sample.** "Sample" means a substance derived from a nonhuman source and collected for the purpose of analysis, or a tissue, blood, excretion, or other bodily fluid specimen obtained from a human for the detection of a chemical, etiologic agent, or histologic abnormality.

Subd. 8. **Test category.** "Test category" means the combination of program and category as provided by section 144.98, subdivisions 3, paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (10), and 3a, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5).

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