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THE ADMINISTRATOR

**SUBJECT:** Review of Hach Company Method 10206, Spectrophotometric Measurement of Nitrate in Water and Wastewater.
(ATP Case No. N10-0011)

**DATE:** January 31, 2013

I have reviewed Hach Company Method 10206 (ATP Case No. N10-0011), "Spectrophotometric Measurement of Nitrate in Water and Wastewater", and the supporting validation data in ATP Case No. N10-0011. I determined that this method meets all requirements for measurement of nitrate and combined nitrate-nitrite in wastewater. That is, the performance of this method is substantially similar to methods listed at 40 CFR Part 136 for measurement of nitrate and combined nitrate-nitrite in wastewater.

I will recommend that this method be included in future regulatory actions in which EPA periodically adds to the list of approved methods at 40 CFR Part 136. However, this ATP review does not replace this notice and comment rulemaking process. In the interim a user may, on a facility-by-facility basis, seek approval from their regional authority for use of this method in measuring nitrate and combined nitrate-nitrite in Clean Water Act (CWA) programs.

If I can be of any additional assistance on this matter or others, please contact me at walker.lemuel@epa.gov .

Sincerely,

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