

**567—83.2(455B) Definitions.**

“*Certified*” means a laboratory demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department its ability to consistently produce valid data within the acceptance limits as specified within the department’s requirements for certification and meets the minimum requirements of this chapter and all applicable regulatory requirements. A laboratory may be certified for an analyte, an analytical series, or an environmental program area, except in the UST program area, where certification for individual analytes is not allowed.

“*Environmental program area*” means the water supply (drinking water) program, underground storage tank program, wastewater program, or solid waste and contaminated site program pursuant to 83.1(3).

“*Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Environmental Samples for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources*” (2003) (Iowa Manual) is incorporated by reference in this chapter.

Chapter 1 of the Iowa Manual pertains to certification of laboratories analyzing samples of drinking water and incorporates by reference the Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water, 4th edition, March 1997, EPA document 815-B-97-001.

Chapter 2 of the Iowa Manual, 2003, pertains to laboratories analyzing samples for the underground storage tank program.

Chapter 3 of the Iowa Manual, 2003, pertains to laboratories analyzing samples for wastewater and sewage sludge disposal programs.

Chapter 4 of the Iowa Manual, 2003, pertains to laboratories analyzing samples for the solid waste and contaminated site programs.

“*Performance evaluation (PE) sample*” means a reference sample provided to a laboratory for the purpose of demonstrating that a laboratory can successfully analyze the sample within limits of performance specified by the department. The true value of the concentration of the reference material is unknown to the laboratory at the time of analysis. A PE sample may also be referred to as a proficiency testing sample or PT sample.

“*Provisional certification*” means a laboratory has deficiencies, which must be corrected within the specified time frames listed in 83.7(2)“d,” but demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department its ability to consistently produce valid data within the acceptance limits as specified within the department’s certification requirements.

“*Revoked certification*” means a laboratory no longer fulfills the requirements of this chapter, and certification is revoked by the director upon determination of the director that the laboratory no longer fulfills the requirements for certification (455B.114).

“*Suspended certification*” means a temporary suspension of certification for a laboratory, conditional upon meeting the time frames in 83.7(4)“d” for the correction of the deficiency.

“*Temporary certification*” means short-term transitional certification granted in certain circumstances when the department implements certification in a new environmental program area.