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**KENTUCKY LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**  
**Bacteriological Analysis Report Form Requirements**

The Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) Laboratory Certification Program requires the use of the Bacteriological Analysis Report Form (BARF) for the reporting of all E. Coli and Total Coliform compliance data.

The BARF is a stand-alone reporting document and is not intended to be used as a chain-of-custody (C-O-C). A proper C-O-C is required for all compliance samples (EPA Manual; Chapter III, Sec 12). For more details on completing BARF forms, contact the **DOW Drinking Water Rule Manager**.

The signature of the laboratory analyst certifies that the analysis of the water sample and resulting data were performed and submitted in accordance with 401 KAR 8:200. The analyst must sign and date the BARF after the completion of the analysis. The laboratory supervisor must sign and date the BARF after the analysis has been reviewed. In the event an individual that did not perform the analysis completes/signs the BARF for the laboratory analyst, the individual shall print the analyst's name or sign their own name and print the analyst's name and date.

Please contact the Division of Water Laboratory Certification Program by email at [dowlabcertification@ky.gov](mailto:dowlabcertification@ky.gov) for any additional information or clarification regarding the use of BARF forms or proper chain-of-custody.

**Refer to the drinking water webpage for useful information at:**  
**<http://water.ky.gov/DrinkingWater/Pages/CertifiedLaboratories.aspx>**