

## Comments and Responses to Microbiology Module Voting Draft Standard (V1M5) (Approved by Committee: 9/8/2015)

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#	Standard /Module	Section Number(s) for Comment	Vote	Vote Comment	Disposition	Change/Reasoning
1	V1M5	1.7.3.7.b.ii.1	Affirmative with comment	This section on autoclaves contains 5 separate bullet points. This should be revised to include letter designation for each bullet point (a, b, c, d, e) to allow for reference and citation separately.	Persuasive	Editorial in nature. Confirmed that suggested edit is possible and will be included. Does not change the intent of the std.
2	V1M5		Affirmative with comment	<p>Under 1.7.3.1.b. Media ii. "...use all media within the expiration date or shelf life provided by the manufacturer." We change the expiration date of dehydrated powder media, once the container has been opened, to expire in 6 months per Standard Methods. Does this still apply? Am I reading this incorrectly?</p> <p>Check filter funnels with non-selective growth media is new to me. Is this possible for labs which only do a limited list of procedures such as P/A?</p> <p>Checking Labware (1.7.3 vi.) washed labware shall be tested at least once daily, each day of washing, for possible acid or alkaline residue by testing at least one piece of labware with a suitable pH indicator such as BTB. This seems excessive not needing to be specified if available monitoring data does not show this as a problem.</p>	Non-persuasive	<p><b>1.</b> Yes and yes. The requirement you are addressing is method requirement and not a std requirement. Therefore for SM methods this applies. <b>2.</b> If you are not using funnels then you would not need to do this. Even if you are reporting P/A, if you use membrane filtration, the funnel check will be required. <b>3.</b> This requirement has been in the std since 1999. It is also in the Lab Cert manual and in SM.</p>

3	V1M5	1.7.3.1 d ii	Affirmative with comment	<p>This section requires monitoring reagent water for chlorine residual. Is this free residual chlorine or total residual chlorine?</p> <p>My request is that the standard clarify in all sections where chlorine residual is to be monitored that the standard specify if free or total chlorine residual should be tested.</p>	Non-persuasive	<p>The disinfection practices used for the treatment of the influent water to the laboratory or manufacturer's DI system determines what type of disinfectant residual will be measured. Therefore, as not all systems use the same type of disinfection, this committee cannot specify for which type to test. However, based on our discussion, the committee has determined that an editorial change to disinfectant residual rather than residual chlorine would be more clear and appropriate. This change does not affect the intent of the std.</p>
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