

Standard Methods

For the Examination of Water and Wastewater

To: All Standard Methods Stakeholders

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RE: Change in Method Nomenclature

The JEB is pleased to announce that we have changed the way that methods are named. This new nomenclature provides an indication of the approval date of the method and the date of the most recent editorial revision, if any.

This change was in response to users who sometimes found it difficult to determine the approval date of a specific method.

Each method carries a year designation:

**6040 D:2025 SOLID-PHASE MICROEXTRACTION (SPME)
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Methods that have undergone an editorial revision, rather than a technical one, will have the year of the editorial revision indicated in parentheses. In this case, the committee approval date remains and the editorial revision year is added in parentheses:

**6040 E:2011 (ED REV 2025) SOLID-PHASE MICROEXTRACTION (SPME)
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The new nomenclature will be rolled out as methods are updated and placed online. The change will be fully implemented by the publication of the 25th edition.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Nathan Edman (nedmand@awwa.org) or the JEB via their [contact information](#).

