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The accepted practical quantitation limit (PQL) for diesel range organics in water with standard laboratory techniques is 250 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$). Both the fresh and marine water protective values listed in IM 23 are less than the PQL. Ecology should acknowledge this fact and indicate that adjustment upward to the PQL (250 $\mu\text{g/L}$ at the time of publication of the memo) is acceptable.