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Hello, I'm the lab person at the City of Oak Harbor.

Our current permit requires BOD (as opposed to CBOD) testing and we no longer carry CBOD accreditation. We would appreciate it if BOD testing can be used in lieu of CBOD testing, as it would be a higher bar to beat anyway. If you check our DMRs, you will see that our BOD removal is consistently over 99.5%.

With regards to Nitrate & Nitrite testing, it'd be helpful if ion selective electrode (ISE) methods could be accredited for the individual parameters. I don't think the LAU currently accepts NO₂/NO₃ by ISE. If allowed, these tests could be performed in-house once accredited, and thus relieve the burden of outsource test costs on plants and operators. For instance, Ammonia by ISE method is accredited here and is not too taxing of a test.

Thank you for all you can do to make this a nice transition for operators.
The Sound does appreciate your efforts to drive nutrient levels down.
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