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I have established 2 testing facilities for chlorine to cover my use of chloramine T at 12 hatcheries. The process to be approved and re-accredited every year is onerous and expensive. We use chloramine T maybe once a year at most hatcheries, often less because of poor availability of the product. Our effluent discharge is always low (we neutralize the chlorine with sodium thiosulfate), and heavily diluted, and the effort to test at the outflow is often dangerous for staff. Unfortunately because hatcheries are spaced out over the state it is not possible to bring samples to one lab within the 15 minute time period so multiple labs had to be set-up. As well, hatcheries operate year round and may need to treat fish on a weekend or holiday. With this set-up it often means that I personally have to travel to the hatchery with the meter to perform the testing whenever i prescribe a treatment. This is not sustainable or an efficient use of time and state resources.