The Equivalency Recommendation Process

**Initiation Phase**
- Contact Permitting Authority
- Contact PEC

**QAPP Phase**
- Prepare QAPP
- PEC Review (checklist)
- Implement QAPP (i.e., perform sampling & analysis)

**Application Phase**
- Prepare Application
- PEC Review (checklist)
- Prepare O&M Manual

**Notification Phase**
- PEC Issues Recommendation to OST
- OST Review
- OST Forwards Recommendation to Permitting Authority
- PA Issues Formal Equivalency

**Legend**
- OST: Office of Science and Technology
- O&M: Operation and Maintenance
- QAPP: Quality Assurance Project Plan
- PEC: Pathogen Equivalency Committee
- PA: Permitting Authority