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Proposed Modification to SPADA Draft Standard Method Performance Requirements[®] (SMPRs[®])

December 23, 2016: AOAC INTERNATIONAL (AOAC) announces the availability of a revised environmental organisms panel, which would supersede the environmental organisms panels currently used in AOAC's Biological Threat Agent SMPRs.

- [Revised Environmental Organisms Panel](#)

For reference, you can find all prior SPADA SMPSs [here](#)

The revised Environmental Organisms document reflects the SPADA Environmental Organisms Panel Working Groups' deliberations. In accordance with AOAC standard developing procedures, the draft document must be posted for an open public comment period.

Comment Submission Process

The public comment period opens on **Friday, February 3, 2017** and closes **Friday, March 3, 2017**. All comments will be compiled and reviewed, and the documents may be revised, if necessary, based on these comments.

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To provide comments to the draft Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPR), follow the link below:

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