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Brief Description: Investigating whether a dairy farm is discharging pollutants.

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Declares that, prior to the conclusion of the investigation, if the department determines the dairy farm is discharging pollutants, the dairy producer will be provided an opportunity to request: (1) That an additional water sample test be conducted to confirm the initial findings of the department; and

(2) When fecal coliform bacteria levels are found to be in violation of chapter 90.48 RCW, chapter 173-201A WAC, or the federal clean water act, that the department determine the genetic fingerprint of the source of the violation through microbial source tracking using DNA ribotyping or other identification method agreed to by the dairy producer and the department. If the department determines the source of the violation is something other than dairy nutrients, no corrective action by the dairy farm will be required under this act.