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LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (LELAP) UPDATE AND NEWS

LELAP OUTREACH UPDATE— The LELAP Outreach classes will not be launched until 2012. The dates of the classes will be announced later. Suggestions for the curriculum are welcome.

LELAP REGULATIONS WORK GROUP— The first meeting of the LELAP Regulations Work Group is scheduled to be held on October 11, 2011 at RM C1110-Pensacola Room of the Galvez Building (LDEQ Headquarter). Seats are still available. If you are interested in participating in the workgroup, please contact Lourdes Iturralde at (225)219-3241, or email at lourdes.iturralde@la.gov or Chris Mayeux at (225)219-0789, or email at chris.mayeux@la.gov. Walk-in participants are also welcome.

PARTIAL WAIVER OF DMR QA — LDEQ has requested a partial waiver of DMR QA from EPA region 6. We anticipate a response soon.

LELAP INTERPRETATIONS— Please see the [LELAP Interpretations](#) on our webpage.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ACCREDITATION BODY TASK FORCE ISSUES REPORT — TNI's Accreditation Body Task Force has finalized a [report](#) that presents findings and recommends options for improving the effectiveness of TNI's National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP). This effort was initiated because of events in 2010 that resulted from changes in the economy and its effect on state government funding.

UPDATED FOPT TABLE FOR NON-POTABLE WATER ACCREDITATION — An update to the NPW Accreditation FOPT Table has been posted on [TNI's PT webpage](#). This table is effective on October 3, 2011. Changes to the table have been color coded to make it easier for the user to determine what updates have been made.

TNI ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY NEFAP ACCREDITATION BODY ACCEPTANCE — An announcement of preliminary NEFAP Accreditation Body (AB) acceptance was made at the Environmental Measurement Symposium in Bellevue, WA. The four ABs now accepting Field Sampling and Measurement Organization (FSMO) applications are: [ACLASS](#); [American Association for Laboratory Accreditation \(A2LA\)](#); [Laboratory Accreditation Bureau \(L-A-B\)](#); [Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. \(PJLA\)](#)

CLARIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION ISSUES

DEPUTY TECHNICAL DIRECTOR — The Deputy Technical Director shall have the same qualification as the Technical Director (TD) in accordance to the 2003 NELAC standard. The Deputy Director should be trained for the TD job functions and should perform the TD duties when the occasion arises.

ENGINE AND TURBINE TESTING GUIDELINE — LDEQ has published the [Engine and Turbine Testing Guidance](#) since June 17, 2010. The guidance states: "EPA Methods 1-4, 7E and 10 from 40 CFR 60 Appendix A or ASTM D 6522 – 00 (reapproved 2005) shall be used "

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN — If a contractor of LELAP has conducted the assessment, the laboratory should submit the corrective action plan (CAP) to both the contractor and LELAP.

DMR QA RESULTS — The laboratories that perform DMR QA should submit the results to Ms. Sandy Wackett, Office of Compliance, Inspection Division, P.O. Box 4312, Baron Rouge, LA 70821-4312.

LELAP STATISTICS: In-state accredited labs— 52 includes one interim accredited lab
Out-of-state accredited labs — 150 includes one interim accredited lab

PLEASE CONTACT THE LELAP STAFF IF YOUR LABORATORY NEEDS ANY ASSISTANCE. [CLICK HERE TO OBTAIN THE LELAP CONTACT INFORMATION](#)

We solicit your questions, comments, problems, and/or recommendations for this newsletter. Please send them to LabAccreditationProgram@la.gov or call 225-219-3247.

