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LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (LELAP) UPDATE AND NEWS

LELAP OUTREACH UPDATE— The LELAP EnviroSchool classes will start in October 2012. Suggestions for the curriculum are welcome.

LELAP REGULATIONS WORK GROUP UPDATE— The revised regulations were reformatted to meet the rule-making requirements and sent to the DEQ legal section for final review. Laboratories will be notified of the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations changes after the Notice of Intent has been published in the Louisiana Register.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

TNI EVALUATION — The renewal application submitted by LELAP is currently under review.

TNI BASIC ASSESSOR TRAINING — Laboratories that are interested in Basic Assessor training may obtain information from the TNI webpage for [training classes](#) held in different states.

CLEAN WATER ACT METHOD UPDATE RULE (MUR):

Accredited and in-house laboratories that submit data to DEQ will be required to adhere to the new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines. EPA recently updated its "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants under the Clean Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures", also known as the "Method Update Rule". The new rule was published on May 18, 2012 and will take effect on June 18, 2012.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will implement the Method Update Rule as follows:

1. Accredited and in-house laboratories submitting data to the Department are expected to take steps to meet the requirements of the Rule; in the case of accredited laboratories, applications to amend the scope of accreditation must be submitted and quality system documents must be revised as needed so that the laboratories will be compliant within a year or by the time of their next biennial assessment (whichever comes first), and
2. The Department will accept data based on the previous Method Update Rule (2007) up to but not beyond a two year period ending June 18, 2014.

For a copy of the rule, please access this link: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-18/html/2012-10210.htm>

For more information on the changes please contact Paul Bergeron at 225-219-3247 or at paul.bergeron@la.gov.

TESTS OF SIGNIFICANT TOXICITY (TST):

In reference to applicability of the new whole effluent toxicity testing (WETT) guidelines found in EPA 833-R-10-003: NPDES Test of Significant Toxicity, the LDEQ Water Permits Division is not applying tests of significant toxicity (TST) at this time. LELAP will evaluate the guideline document and make a decision as to whether accreditation for the calculation method is appropriate no later than October 30, 2012.

NEW ASSESSOR:

LELAP welcomes Mr. Dennis Price to our staff.

CONTRACTOR NOTES:

Please note that if your assessment was conducted by Dade Moeller, LELAP prefers that your laboratory send an electronic copy of the corrective action plan to Dade Moeller. The following address is to be used if your laboratory is unable to submit an electronic copy: Mr. Nile Luedtke, Dade Moeller Inc, 704 S Illinois Ave, Suite C102, Oak Ridge TN 37830.

LELAP STATISTICS: In-state accredited labs— 49; Out-of-state accredited labs — 157

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 LaAccreditationProgram@la.gov or call 225-219-3247.



