

LELAP Interpretations

Whole Effluent Toxicity

The Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program has determined that there is no requirement for the accreditation of the methods producing data in support of Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) methods.

WET reference methods require supporting data to be generated using approved analytical methods so all quality control requirements in each method must be followed.

Drilling mud or sediment toxicity

Drilling mud and sediment toxicity analysis that is reported to EPA, and not required to be reported to LDEQ, does not require LELAP accreditation.

Asbestos

Where laboratories have been accredited for EPA 600-R-93/116 (legally required) and NVLAP has listed only the older method version EPA 600/M4-82-020 on the scopes, accreditation for EPA 600-R-93/116 will also be granted.

Emission Testing

All emission testing conducted with a portable analyzer will now be required to use **ASTM D6522-00(2005)**. Certain sections of the Engine and Turbine Testing Guidance have been revised to reflect this change. A copy of the updated guidance is available on the Department's website at: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/Default.aspx?tabid=2286>

Revisions to your scope of accreditation may be necessary in order to incorporate this change if you are not already accredited for the ASTM method. Portable analyzers that can meet the requirements of EPA reference method 7E 6.2.8 and 13.0 may continue to use methods 7E and 10.

Scope Amendments

Scope amendment requests made outside of 3-yr renewals must be submitted with application fees.