

ELAB

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board

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A Preview of This Afternoon’s Open Meeting

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board

- **Solicits Consensus Advice From the Environmental Laboratory Community On the NELAC Process and Standards.**
- **Provides Advice, Information, and Recommendations to the EPA Administrator, the Office Of Research and Development and the Forum On Environmental Measurements**
 - Enhancing The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Measurement Programs
 - Facilitating The Operation And Expansion Of A National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program.
- **Sixteen Individuals Who Serve as Representative Members:**
 - Trade Associations For The Environmental Laboratory Industry,
 - Trade Associations From EPA's Regulated Community;
 - Environmental Public Interest Groups;
 - Academia;
 - Federal, Local, And Tribal Governments;
 - Laboratory Assessment Bodies.

<u>Name & Affiliation</u>	<u>Represented Constituency</u>
Mr. David Speis (Chair)	ACIL
Dr. Richard Burrows	Commercial Laboratory Industry
Mr. Gerald Dechant	Data Users
Mr. John (Jack) Farrell	The NELAC Institute (TNI)
Dr. Jeff Flowers	Elected Officials of Local Government
Dr. Reza Karimi	Nonprofit R&D Organizations
Dr. Skip Kingston	Native Americans and Academia
Mr. Jeff Lowry	Proficiency Testing Providers
Ms. Judith Morgan	Commercial Environmental Laboratories
Mr. Orval Osborne	Small Laboratories and Native Americans
Mr. Glenn (Joe) Pardue	Clients of Quality Systems Services
Dr. Jim Pletl	Municipal Environmental Laboratories
Ms. Nan Thomey	Owners of Full Service Laboratories
Mr. Rock Vitale	Third Party Assessors
Dr. Michael Wichman	Association of Public Health Laboratories

AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY BOARD

January 25, 2010; 1:30 – 5:00

1:30	Opening Remarks	Autry/Speis
1:35	Roll Call of ELAB Members	All
1:40	Review/Approval of December Minutes	All
1:45	General Workgroup Update	Morgan
1:55	Update on SW-846 Methods Policy	Speis
2:20	Standard Comparison Drinking Water Certification Prgm and TNI Standard; Small Laboratories Work Group	Dechant
3:00	BREAK	
3:30	Proficiency Test Discussion	Karimi
4:00	Open Discussion - New or Old Topics	All
4:50	Review Action Items	Speis/Autry
5:00	Adjourn	Speis

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Update on SW-846 Methods Policy – Dave Speis

- **SW-846 Update IV Release Causes Stakeholder Concerns**
- **ELAB Responds to Concerns with Recommendations to USEPA**
- **Collaborative USEPA-ORCR/ELAB Policy Development**
- **Review of Draft ORCR/ELAB SW-846 Methods Development & Use Policy**

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DW Certification Prgm & TNI Standard Comparison – Gary Dechant

- Evaluate The Requirements of The Drinking Water Certification Manual to Determine if They are Achieved by the TNI Standard,
- The Initial Review is Complete, Differences Have Been Identified. ELAB is Evaluating the Differences to Identify Issues that are Significant,
- Provide the Office Of Water with a Concise Summary Of Significant Differences with Suggestions on How The Issues Surrounding Them Could be Addressed.

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Proficiency Test Discussion – Reza Karimi

- **Determine the Appropriate Number of PTs for Laboratory Qualification.**
- **Evaluated Pooled PT Data and Input From TNI PT Frequency Work Group and other Stakeholders**
- **Evaluating Input From Data Users to Determine Program Objectives and Level of Success**
- **Provide Recommendations on Significant PT Issues and PT Frequency to USEPA for Future Program Use.**

ELAB Participation

- **Attend an Open Meeting**
- **Via Teleconference: Contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Lara Autry, at 919-541-5544 or autry.lara@epa.gov**
 - Meeting Schedule: www.epa.gov/ELAB/events.htm
- **Submit Comments or Raise Issues to the Board: autry.lara@epa.gov**