

## Notice to Illinois EPA's Primary and Secondary NELAP Accredited Laboratories August 22, 2013

### Changes Made to How Fields-of-Testing and Matrices are Named

Effective immediately, the Illinois EPA's Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (IL ELAP) has implemented changes to how the program's Fields-of-Testing and Matrices are named in the Application for Accreditation and the Certificate of Accreditation. These changes will allow this program to become more consistent and compatible with other National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) Accrediting Bodies (AB). This change should be especially helpful for the Illinois EPA Primary NELAP Accredited Laboratories seeking Secondary NELAP Accreditation with another NELAP AB.

In summary the naming changes are as follows and are reflected in the attached example documents.

- Under the Clean Water Act program Fields-of-Testing:
  - Wastewater, Inorganics is now named: **Non Potable Water, Inorganic**
  - Wastewater, Organic is now named: **Non Potable Water, Organic**
- Under the RCRA program Fields-of-Testing:
  - Hazardous and Solid Waste, Inorganic is now named: **Solid and Chemical Materials, Inorganic**
  - Hazardous and Solid Waste, Organic is now named: **Solid and Chemical Materials, Organic**

Additionally, the way the matrices are named in the Application of Accreditation's Attachments (4-7) has changed as follows:

- The Aqueous and Non-Aqueous Liquid matrices has been consolidated into: **Non Potable Water**
- The Solids and Chemical Waste matrices has been consolidated into:
  - **Solid and Chemical Materials** for the RCRA program, and
  - **Solids** for the Clean Water Act program

These matrix designations have also now been added to the Certificate of Accreditation. The new matrix designations you will find on a COA reflect which matrix or matrices you selected to be accredited for. Please note there are no name changes in the Safe Drinking Water Act program Field-of-Testing or matrix (i.e., Drinking Water).

All currently issued Certificates of Accreditation (COAs), are still valid until their stated expiration date. However, once a laboratory:

- applies for renewal of their laboratory accreditation;
- has a change in the laboratory's accreditation status that would require a new COA (e.g., granting, revoking or reinstating accreditation due to PT performance); or
- there is any change in the laboratory's scope of accreditation which requires a new COA (e.g., laboratory requests to add or withdraw a method/analyte combination);

is when you will encounter the above naming changes.

We encourage IL ELAP accredited laboratories to familiarize themselves with our revised Application for Accreditation (i.e., item 12 Fields of Testing), Attachments 4-7 and the Invoice. Again these changes are in naming only and do not reflect any change in fee structure, your accreditation status or your laboratory's current scope of accreditation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your assigned IL ELAP Laboratory Accreditation

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