

Notice to Illinois EPA's Primary and Secondary NELAP Accredited Laboratories October 3, 2012

Updates to the Illinois EPA, Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program's NELAP Field of Accreditation

Effective immediately, the Illinois EPA's Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (IL ELAP) has implemented updates to the program's Field of Accreditation (i.e., matrix, technology/method, and analyte combinations for which the accreditation body offers accreditation). These necessary updates were due to the Clean Water Act's May 18, 2012 Final Rule (i.e., MUR II), Safe Drinking Water Act's Expedited Approvals of Alternative Test Procedures and the Office of Solid Waste's New and Revised SW-846 Methods.

The ELAP is now offering accreditation for the Fields of Accreditation that are listed in Attachments 2 – 7 (see attached zip file). Please note, all currently issued Certificates of Accreditation (COAs), including the associated scope of accreditation, are still valid until their stated expiration date as long as there is no change in the laboratory's scope of accreditation. It is critical to note, 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);

then that laboratory's entire scope of accreditation will change to the Fields of Accreditation that this program now offers. Hence, due to these updates to our Fields of Accreditation and database all COAs and their associated scope of accreditation will be updated to the Fields of Accreditation now offered by our program.

We encourage IL ELAP accredited laboratories to familiarize themselves with our new Attachments 2-7 and the various USEPA based regulatory and methodology updates that necessitated the changes in our Field of Accreditation. To aid you in this effort, the following website links may be useful:

CWA MUR II

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/methods/cwa/index.cfm>

http://water.epa.gov/scitech/methods/cwa/update_index.cfm

http://www.standardmethods.org/PDF/Total_CWA_Table_NEMC.pdf

SDWA Approved Methods

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/drinkingwater/labcert/analyticalmethods.cfm>

http://water.epa.gov/scitech/drinkingwater/labcert/analyticalmethods_expedited.cfm

SW-846

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/testmethods/index.htm>

http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/testmethods/sw846/new_meth.htm

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