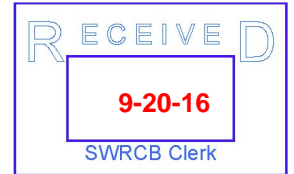


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From: Sotelo, Christine@Waterboards
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 2:51 PM
To: commentletters
Subject: FW: A Note of Support of the Adoption of TNI

Hi Jeanine: Here is a letter of support.

Thank you,

Christine Sotelo, Chief

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From: Carole Rollins [<mailto:crollins@montsan.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 1:54 PM
To: Sotelo, Christine@Waterboards
Subject: A Note of Support of the Adoption of TNI

Dear Ms. Sotelo,

Though I missed last week's deadline for written comments regarding ELAP's preliminary determination to develop laboratory standards incorporating TNI, I'd like to give you my support in favor of this decision.

As the Laboratory Manager at a small wastewater treatment plant, it is my opinion that adopting the TNI Standard, or a variation appropriate for California laboratories, is the best choice to ensure that our state's environmental labs are held to the same high standards as other states, regardless of size. The number of employees should not be a determining factor for quality assurance requirements and record-keeping.

Even without being required to do so, I have referred to the 2009 TNI Standard for several years as a resource when making sound quality assurance improvements. It is my impression that the TNI Standard has stood the test of time and has only benefited from years of expert collaboration by the NELAC members and is very applicable to California laboratories of all sizes.

California has historically been a leader of progressive environmental protection and I would hate to see ELAP allow this reputation to diminish. All labs should be held to high standards.

Sincerely,
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