

Be In The Know!

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ELAP has been making exciting progress! Read on to "Be In the Know" about issues affecting your laboratory!

ELAP ASSESSOR TRAINING CONTRACT

NV5/Dade Moeller has won ELAP's Assessor Training Contract and will begin training ELAP assessors this summer. As part of the contract, ELAP staff will shadow the firm's assessors while they conduct assessments of all accredited drinking water laboratories.

What to expect if you are a drinking water laboratory:

- ♦ Assessments will be scheduled based on geographic location. This means your assessment may not coincide with when you apply for renewal of your certificate. You'll be contacted approximately one month ahead to determine an assessment date.
- ♦ The NV/Dade Moeller assessor and ELAP trainee will conduct an On-Site Assessment, including assessing your laboratory for the 2016 TNI requirements.
- ♦ You'll receive an On-Site Assessment Report within 30 days. Only method deviations and violations of current regulations will be listed.
- ♦ Findings against the TNI standard will be noted in a supplemental document of recommendations, and will not be enforced.

This opportunity is a training tool for both ELAP and laboratories. Get feedback on elements you have already created during the assessment and use the recommendation report as a "road map" for implementing TNI.

STAKEHOLDER FEES WORKGROUP

The State Board's Division of Administrative Services Fee Branch has formed a Stakeholder Fees Workgroup to develop and consider options for revising the ELAP fee structure. The workgroup held a kickoff meeting on May 30th and met again in late June to review fee models developed by its members. They are currently continuing work on refining the options.

A list of workgroup members is available on ELAP's [Fees Webpage](#).

PROFICIENCY TESTING (PT) WORKGROUP

ELAP recently formed a Proficiency Testing Workgroup consisting of regulators and laboratory staff to consider and advise ELAP on issues related to proficiency testing. The workgroup is charged with resolving PT scoring questions, providing interpretation of current regulations, and providing input regarding future requirements.

For more information on this workgroup contact Dr. Christopher Ryan at christopher.ryan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Get Involved!

KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING

Coming Up Soon

JULY 13th - ELTAC MEETING - 10am

Join in person or watch via webcast at: www.video.calepa.ca.gov/. Visit ELAP's website for meeting information.

AUGUST 1st - STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD MEETING - 9am

A resolution to approve funding for small laboratory training on the TNI Standard will go to the State Water Board for approval. If approved, a contract will go through a public bidding process for a consultant to develop and teach the training. The contract proposal will include a one-day workshop focused on developing the documentation necessary to comply with the 2016 TNI requirements through adaptation of provided templates. Come voice your support for this initiative! You can also watch the meeting on webcast.

JULY 25-AUGUST 3 - PRELIMINARY DRAFT REGULATIONS WORKSHOPS

ELAP's Regulations Team will release a draft of the new regulations text mid-July and will hold a series of workshops to present the content to the community, answer questions, and solicit preliminary feedback.

Fresno - Tuesday, July 25th - 9am-3pm
1685 "E" Street, Fresno, CA 93706

Los Angeles - Tuesday, August 1st, 9am-3pm
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Sacramento - Wednesday, July 26th - 9am-3pm
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814

San Diego - Wednesday, August 2nd, 9am-3pm
9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123

Redding - Friday July 28th, 9am-3pm
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

San Francisco - Thursday August 3rd, 9am-3pm
455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Members of the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) who attend a regulations workshop will receive contact hours for attendance, and will be given a certificate at the end of the day.

ELAP's [Regulations webpage](#) has more information about these events and regulations development.

Coming This Fall

2016 TNI STANDARD WORKSHOPS

NV5/Dade Moeller will host four free public workshops on implementation of the 2016 TNI Standard in California. This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge and apply it in your laboratory!

FEES WORKSHOP

The Water Boards Division of Administrative Services Fee Branch and Stakeholder Fees Workgroup anticipates holding a public workshop this fall to present fee structure options to the community.

DRINKING WATER LABORATORY TRAINING ASSESSMENTS

NV5/Dade Moeller will begin assessing drinking water laboratories with ELAP trainees. Don't miss this opportunity to get feedback on any TNI elements you have implemented. Get working now to take full advantage of having a TNI expert in your laboratory!