State Water Resources Control Board

APPROVED THIRD-PARTY LABORATORY ASSESSMENT AGENCIES

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A “Third-Party Assessment” (TPA) agency is any NELAP-recognized state or non-governmental accreditation body that performs evaluations of environmental laboratories. The list of TPA providers below will be updated as needed.

Third-Party Assessment Agencies
To find a TPA provider that offers “assessment-only” services for the purposes of applying for accreditation from California ELAP, select one of the agencies from this section. These providers have signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the State Water Board.

➢ American Association of Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA)
➢ ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)
➢ International Accreditation Service (IAS)
➢ Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA)

TNI Recognized State Accreditation Bodies
A California laboratory may elect to have a TNI State Accreditation Body perform its assessment. Any laboratory that elects to have a TNI State Accreditation Body will be subject to the full accreditation requirements for that state program because TNI State Accreditation Bodies only offer full accreditation to their home state requirements; they do not offer “assessment-only” services. If a laboratory chooses to become accredited by a TNI State, the assessment report and approved corrective action plan would satisfy the requirements of the California ELAP application assessment requirement. ELAP may require additional documentation to ensure compliance with California-specific requirements.

➢ TNI State Accreditation Bodies

Department of Defense Recognized Accreditation Bodies
A California laboratory may elect to have a Department of Defense Recognized Accreditation Body perform its assessment.

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Are you an out-of-state laboratory seeking accreditation by California ELAP? See our Reciprocity Application for requirements.

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