Program Development and Research Unit-Sacramento Field Office

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Outline

- Program Development and Research Unit Function in ELAP
- Streamline Certification Process
- Enhance ELAP Effectiveness
- Ensure consistent on-site inspection
- Draft Regulation
Program Development and Research Unit Function

- Assist ELAP Chief in all aspects of program administration
- Responsible for certification of labs in Northern CA Region, Oregon border to Bakersfield
- Leads Regulation Development
- Leads Investigation and Enforcement
- Unit Consist of 6 scientific staff
Streamline Certification Process
Approval Criteria

- H & S § 100830
  • Lab director and personnel qualification
  • Lab quality assurance program
    • Quality systems for methods
  • Successful proficiency studies
  • Successful site inspection
Approval Criteria

Reciprocity
H & S §100829 (d); CCR § 64821

• State of Nevada

• State of Washington
Broaden Approval Criteria

H & S § 100829 (d)

• Certifications from NELAC (TNI)
• International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
• Out of State Accrediting Bodies
• All Deficiency letters and findings from any other Accrediting Body
• All Corrective Action Reports for Deficiencies and Non-conformities
Enhance ELAP Effectiveness
Expand ELAP Competencies

• Add Environmental Scientist Classification
• Experience in Laboratory
• Hazardous Waste Regulation
• Pesticides
• GC, LC, MS expertise
• Communication
• Customer Service Orientation
Ensure Consistent On-site Inspection

• Standardize Checklist for FOTs Against
  – Standard Methods
  – EPA Methods
  – TNI Check list as reference

• SOP for conducting Audits
  – Pre inspection
  – Inspection
  – Post inspection
Draft Regulation
Govt. Code Section 11340 et seq.

Prescribes procedures designed to ensure proposed regulations are:

- necessary
- not duplicative
- clear and consistent
- go through open public review
- and are allowed by law
Preliminary Activities

• Conducts preliminary rulemaking activities (such as research and stakeholder workshops) and prepares proposed action including:
  – Notice
  – Regulation text
  – Reason for regulation
  – Costs to state and local government and the economic impact on business
Preliminary Activities

• Initiated Interagency Discussions
  – Department of Toxic Substance Control
  – Air Resources Board
  – Department of Food and Agriculture
  – Department of Pesticide Regulation
  – Department of Fish and Wild Life
  – Department of Public Health
  – Food and Drug Branch
Preliminary Activities

• Awaiting Expert Review Panel Recommendations
• Stakeholder Advisory Committee
• Other Interested Parties
• Draft Regulatory Text
• Statement of Reasons
• Economic Impact Analysis
Questions?