NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CHANGES TO PROPOSED REGULATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM REGULATIONS

TITLE 22. SOCIAL SECURITY
DIVISION 4. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
CHAPTER 19

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) has changed the text of the proposed Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program regulations in response to comments received during the 45-day public comment period and is making the changed text available for public comment prior to adoption of the resulting regulations.

A copy of the proposed text with the new changes clearly illustrated is available for viewing on ELAP’s Rulemaking File Homepage.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD AND SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS
Any person, or his or her representative, may submit written comments on the new changes to the proposed regulations. For this Notice, only comments that pertain to the new changes to the proposed regulations will be considered and included in the rulemaking record. Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.8(c), the written comment period closes in 15 days, at 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2020. The State Board will only consider comments received at the State Board offices by that time. Submit written comments via at least one of the following:

Electronic mail (email): commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov
FAX: (916) 341-5620
Postal Mail: Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
Hand Delivery: Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Persons delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Ms. Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600. Also, please indicate in the subject line and/or on the cover page of submittals: “Comments – Proposed Revised ELAP Regulations.”

All comments, including email or fax transmissions, should include the author’s name and contact information, including either email or U.S. Postal Service mailing address in order for the State Board to provide any notices that may be required in future.

Due to the limitations of the email system, emails larger than 15 megabytes (MB) may be rejected and will not be received by the State Board. Therefore, emails larger than 15 MB should be submitted under separate emails that are each less than 15 MB, or another form of delivery should be used.

The State Board requests, but does not require, that written comments sent by mail or hand-delivered be submitted in triplicate.

The State Board requests, but does not require, that if reports or articles in excess of 25 pages are submitted in conjunction with the comments, that the commenter provide a summary of the report or article and describe the reason for which the report or article is being submitted or is relevant to the proposed regulation.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.), your written comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

In the Final Statement of Reasons, staff will respond to all comments received on the record during the comment periods. The Administrative Procedures Act requires that staff respond to comments received regarding all noticed changes. Therefore, staff will only address comments received during this 15-day comment period that are related to the changes detailed in the proposed revised regulatory text.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST  
Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language;
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerk to the Board at (916) 341-5600 as soon as possible, but no later than February 19, 2020.

TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.
SI NECESITA ARREGLOS ESPECIALES
Conforme a la Sección 7296.2, del Código del Gobierno de California, los siguientes servicios o arreglos especiales pueden ser solicitados:

- Documentos en otro idioma o en un formato alterno;
- Arreglos razonables relacionados a una discapacidad.

Para pedir estos arreglos especiales o servicios en otro idioma, puede contactar a la Secretaria de la Junta (Board) al (916) 341-5600 lo más pronto posible, pero antes del día 19 de febrero de 2020. Los usuarios del Sistema TTY/TDD/Voz-a-Voz pueden marcar el 7-1-1 para utilizar el California Relay Service.

STATE BOARD CONTACT PERSONS
Requests for copies of the proposed regulatory text, the initial statement of reasons, subsequent modifications of the proposed regulatory text, or other inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to:

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In the event Mr. Oaxaca is not available to respond to requests or inquiries, please contact:

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INTERNET ACCESS
Copies of this Notice, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the proposed regulations may be found on ELAP’s Rulemaking File Homepage.