

Program Perspective

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Background

- We are committed to incorporating a Quality Management System as part of ELAP's accreditation standard
 - Assessment every two years
 - Proficiency Testing sample once per year
- We have developed a Quality Management System based on the TNI Standard
 - Presenting to the State Water Board Spring 2019
- Some of you continue to express concern on the TNI Standard model

We are open
to options

- We are not married to TNI
However, we need an acceptable alternative
- Amber Baylor has developed a proposal for you to consider

Ground Rules

1. ELAP does not support a dual track system
2. Critical Elements for Quality Management System
3. Consensus
4. Time is of the Essence

One Standard for All Laboratories

- Proposal must work for all laboratories
- ELAP will not consider two different standards
- Data produced for regulatory public and environmental purposes and decision-making are produced for the same broad purpose

The QMS must include Critical Elements

Quality Management System Philosophy

Continuous Improvement

Plan | Implement | Evaluate | Correct

- Problems: Find, Correct, and Prevent
- Objectives and Structure of the Laboratory
- Roles, Responsibilities, and Qualifications of Personnel
- Quality Policy and Employee Expectations
- Training and Procedures to Prevent Ethical Misconduct
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Contracts and Subcontract Requirements
- Document Control
- Laboratory Materials and Services are Acceptable and Traceable
- Transparency of Services
- Internal Audits
- Non-Conformance Procedures
- Data Integrity Investigations
- Complaint Resolution

We are looking for consensus

- We are on a path the State Water Board has already approved
 - If we deviate, it's because we have a near unanimous recommendation
- We still have to dialogue with the State Agency Partners

Time of the Essence

- We are presently on path to release the preliminary draft next week
 - The path includes a State Water Board Workshop and Adoption Hearing Spring 2019

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