

# ELAP Expert Review Panel Year 2 Final Report *Listening Sessions*

April 5, 2017

April 6, 2017

# Catching Up

- Expert Review Panel met Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>-Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> to review the program's progress over the past year
- The final report was released last Friday
- ELAP must determine how we are going to react to their report
  - We are looking for your input before we determine our approach

# Panel Recommendations

- Invest in software
- Develop an implementation strategy that helps laboratories with adoption of the TNI Standard
- Accept third-party assessments to reduce our backlog

# We Agree with the Panel

- We need a software solution for PTs
  - Doing this manually is inefficient
- Our goal for implementation of the new standard is to help laboratories implement, not to play “gotcha”
  - We need an implementation strategy we can all agree on
- We see the acceptance of third-party assessments as a necessary step
  - ELAP cannot assess all laboratories on its own

# Assessment Backlog

Drinking Water Laboratories	Non-Drinking Water Laboratories
<b>313 are current</b>	<b>147 are current</b>
<b>41 are not current</b>	<b>144 are not current</b>
9 are over 5 years	21 are over 5 years
14 are over 4 years	35 are over 4 years
18 are over 3 years	88 are over 3 years

# Help Us Identify the Path Forward

- We don't need much help with identifying and procuring software
- However, there are a lot of details associated with standards implementation and third party assessments
  - We would like your help on these
- Goal for today: Get your input on these two items
  - Your feedback will be critical in developing our May 3<sup>rd</sup> presentation at the State Water Board Workshop

# Listening Session: Implementation Plan

- The starting point
  - We have selected 2016 TNI Standard
  - We are exploring approaches to clarify 58 items following the recommendation of the Expert Review Panel
  - This is the decision that came out of our interaction with ELTAC and our Agency Partners
- Details we would like your feedback on:
  - What timeline works best?
  - What tools do you need?
  - What steps would you like ELAP to take to assist your laboratory in implementing the new requirements?

# Listening Session: Third Party

- The starting point
  - We will recommend accepting third party assessments at the State Water Board Workshop
  - Laboratories who use a third party for their assessment will pay us a lesser fee
- Questions we haven't answered yet:
  - Should we make it a requirement for certain FOTs?
  - How do we prevent “assessor shopping”?
  - What challenges would using third-party assessors present to your laboratory?

# Have Additional Comments?

- Email your comments to  
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**Thank You**