

**VIRGINIA'S
ENVIRONMENTAL
LABORATORY
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

STATUS UPDATE

January 12, 2009



After an 11-year
journey through the
legislative and
regulatory process ...

Virginia's "Chapter 46" establishes an environmental laboratory certification program, to be administered by DCLS, in accordance with the NELAC 2003 Standard.

A copy of Chapter 46 may be generated through:
<http://legl.state.va.us/000/reg/TOC.HTM>
[Choose Title 1, Agency 30, Chapter 46]

Effective Date
for the Regulation,
1 VAC 30-46

January 1, 2009

Establishment Date
for the Laboratory Accreditation
Program

January 1, 2012

Transition Period

- Three-year transition period from effective date to establishment of program
- When program is established (January 2012), data going to Virginia's DEQ must come from accredited laboratories

Who is **REQUIRED** to seek this accreditation?

Laboratories conducting any tests, analyses, measurements, or monitoring *required* by Chapter 13 of Title 10.1 (**Virginia Air Pollution Control Law**), by Chapter 14 of Title 10.1 (**Virginia Waste Management Act**), or Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 (**State Water Control Law**)

Application Deadline

July 1, 2009

Applications must be made to DCLS by this deadline to be processed in the first group of labs under VA's program.

Application Forms

TownHall under Guidance Documents for the
Department of General Services

(www.townhall.state.va.us)

VWEA website in Downloadable Documents

(www.vwea.org)

Currently, DCLS ...

- has developed its application for laboratories to apply to DCLS for NELAC accreditation under 1 VAC 30-46
- is finalizing Fields of Accreditation lists – these should be posted soon in a Microsoft Excel format

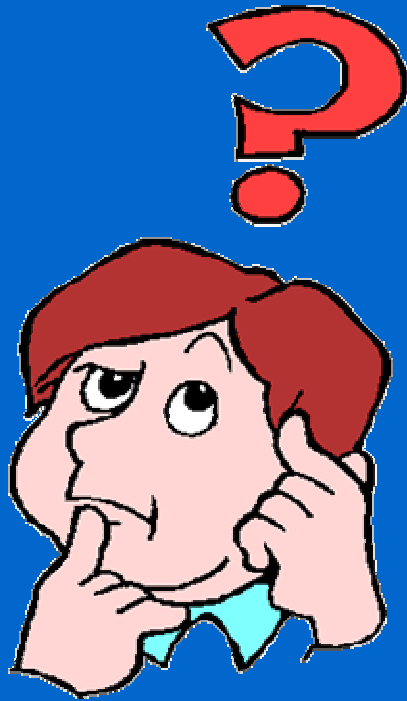
Currently, DCLS ...

- is increasing its staff
- is finalizing its application to become a NELAP Accrediting Body

Meanwhile ...

- DCLS' environmental laboratories are seeking NELAC accreditation, since our laboratories provide data to DEQ and are also subject to the requirement for NELAC accreditation under Virginia's Chapter 46

I came with Questions!



I'm excited to be here
... and have many
questions for YOU!

*Please share your mistakes, successes,
and recommendations with me!*

Cathy Westerman
Environmental QA Senior
Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services
Richmond, VA
(804)648-4480
Cathy.Westerman@dgs.virginia.gov