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9:00  Opening Remarks, Roll Call and Approval of July Minutes
     General Workgroup Updates
     • Monitoring
     • Measurement & Technology
     • Laboratory Management

9:30  SW-846 Policy Revision – Status Update

10:00 BREAK

10:30 Drinking Water Certification Program and TNI Standard – Next Steps

11:15 Open Discussion
     • Method Identification Issues (SW-846 Policy Revision)
     • Proficiency Test Frequency
     • Quality System Standard for Drinking Water
     • New or Old Topics

11:50 Review Action Items
ELAB Recommendations
to the
USEPA Office of Water
for the
Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water
DW Manual & TNI Standard Comparison Findings

- **TNI Standard is a Quality System Standard**
  - Standard does not Address Program Specific Requirements
  - Relatively Generic, Applicable to all Environmental Laboratories
  - Both Promote The Generation of Known, Consistent & Documented Quality

- **DW Manual is Unique to the DW Program**
  - Program only Applies to Compliance Monitoring
  - Contains Requirements that are not Appropriate for a General Standard Because of their Unique Specificity
    - Technical & Administrative in Nature & Not Related to a Quality Standard
    - Quality System Language Present References TNI Like Programs
ELAB Recommendations to USEPA OW

- Employ the TNI ISO-17025 Based Standard as the Quality System Standard for Drinking Water Laboratories
  - The TNI Standard Meets or Exceeds the Quality System Requirements of the Drinking Water Manual

- Employ the Drinking Water Manual for Drinking Water Program Technical Specifications
  - Retain Requirements that are Unique to Drinking Water Accreditation
  - Reference TNI Quality System Specifications as the Quality System for this Program
Benefits of Recommendations

- Substitutes an ISO/IEC 17025 Consensus Standard as the Quality System Framework for DW Laboratories
- Could Promote Unification of the Quality System Standard Across USEPA Program Offices
- Consolidates Duplicative State Accreditation Programs into a Single, Nationally Recognized Quality System Program
- Places all Accredited DW Laboratories on the Same Assessment Plane Regardless of Laboratory Size and Complexity
- Enables the Office of Water to Focus on DW Compliance Technical Prescription to Assure Programmatical Analytical and Quality Control Needs Are Satisfied