



# LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SYSTEM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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# TNI Standards Implementation

- Laboratory Accreditation System Executive Committee (LAS EC)
  - ✦ Charged in the TNI Bylaws to review the standards for suitability for use in TNI accreditation programs
- Balanced stakeholders interests are represented:
  - ✦ NELAP-recognized ABs
  - ✦ Non-NELAP ABs
  - ✦ NELAP accredited laboratories
  - ✦ PT Providers
  - ✦ Federal Agencies
  - ✦ Data users, and other interests





# Committee Members

- June Flowers, Flowers Chemical Laboratories, Lab
- Anne Marie Allen, Massachusetts, Non-AB
- Aaren Alger, Pennsylvania, AB
- Carol Barrick, Mosaic, Lab
- Jo Ann Boyd, Southwest Research Institute, Lab
- Kristin Brown, Utah, AB
- Brooke Connor, USGS, Federal
- George Detsis, DOE, Federal
- Dan Dickinson, New York, AB and PTP
- Terri Grimes, Pinellas County Utilities, Gov. Lab
- Marvelyn Humphrey, USEPA Region 6
- Roger Kenton, Eastman Chemical, Lab
- Judy Morgan, Environmental Science Corporation, Lab
- Mitzi Miller, Moeller Inc., Other
- Julia Sudds, E.S. Babcock & Sons, Lab
- Ilona Taunton, TNI Program Administrator





# SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTING LABORATORY STANDARDS

- January 2009 Recommendations by LASC
- July 2009 Final standards to NELAP Board
- August 2009 Adoption by NELAP Board;
- January 2010 Changes in State regulations;
- Spring 2010 Training and outreach;
- Summer 2010 Replace NELAC 2003

Here we are!





# LASC Current Assignment

- Monitor spreadsheet summarizing Standards Implementation Plan and Assignments from all programs and committees
- Review Quality Systems Checklist for Lab Assessments of TNI Standards





# Standards Implementation Plan Spreadsheet & Assignments

- Present summary table here





# Quality Systems AB Checklist

- Excel spreadsheet - separate worksheets for each Volume 1, Modules (6 tabs)
  - Remove “Not Assessable” items and headers
  - Consider ISO text inclusion
- Review AB comments
- LASC recommendations to follow - next meeting is Monday, August 23, noon EST





# Comments on Draft QS Checklist:

- Keep checklist in a format that can be easily transferred to a database.
- Cross-reference using the item numbers/question numbers from the NELAC standard would be helpful
- Checklist so that existing database could use this as the "key" value for comparison.
- Assessors want to conduct a less-in-depth assessment, as an incentive for labs to improve to a higher level, when a lab performs well in previous assessments.







# Standards Interpretation Request (SIR)

- All inquiries are web-based

Select TNI Programs/Laboratory  
Accreditation/Standards Interpretations for  
a listing of responses to requests

Select General Info/Request for  
Interpretation/NELAP or NEFAP





# Communication/Interaction

- Technical Assistance Committee - TAC
- NELAC Accreditation Council
- NEFAP Executive Committee
- LASC will change meeting times to 4th Mondays at noon EST
- Carol Batterton will replace Ilona Taunton as our TNI Administrator





# New Assignment

- Review Accreditation Body (AB)  
Evaluators Checklist
- Volume 2, Module 1
  - 403 line items
  - Form Subcommittee?
  - AB Committee participation?
  - Recommend format/structure components





# LASC on the Web

<http://www.nelac-institute.org/>

Select TNI Programs/Committees/“LASC”,  
there is a drop down menu for charter,  
members, minutes, etc.





# THANK YOU

June Flowers, LAS-EC Chair

