

PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OR MODIFICATION TO TNI STANDARD

Expert Committee or group requesting the establishment or change to the Standard	Laboratory Accreditation Body Expert Committee	Proposal Date	12/12/2016	CSDEC Approval	12/15/2016
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TNI Volume	Module	Sections(s)
ELS Volume 2	1 and 3	ALL sections within the modules

Nature of the standard to be established or the change to the existing standard proposed:
 Pursuant to The NELAC Institute's SOP 2-100 on consensus standard development, notice is hereby given that the Laboratory Accreditation Body Expert Committee (hereinafter called Lab AB Committee) seeks to consolidate Modules 1 and 3 in Volume 2 of the Environmental Laboratory Sector (ELS) standards into one module. Modules 1 and 3 were formerly the responsibility of two separate expert committees. However, the former On-Site Assessment Committee is now merged with the Lab AB Committee, so that the latter-named committee now has responsibility for both modules. The Lab AB Committee actively seeks input from stakeholders and stakeholder groups who may subsequently adopt this standard as accreditation bodies, be accredited to the standard, or use data from accredited entities. This Committee also has several openings for interested TNI Members to nominate themselves and be seated as voting members on the Committee. Further information about this proposed consensus standard development may be directed to the Lab AB Committee Chair, Carl Kircher, at phone number 904-791-1574 and through e-mail "carl.kircher@flhealth.gov."

Justification or need for the standard or the change in the standard:
 The existence of separate modules has created some confusion and problems for the NELAP Accreditation Bodies (ABs) that are recognized by TNI when evaluated to these standards. Overlapping requirements are found in both Modules 1 and 3, while some key requirements are found in Module 3 but not Module 1, and visa versa.

How is the proposal an improvement over the existing standard:
 Volume 1, which is applicable to the accredited environmental testing laboratories, has benefitted from having all the quality management system requirements in ISO/IEC 17025 incorporated, in order, into Module 2. The proposed combined module for Volume 2 will thus benefit NELAP ABs by having all the ISO/IEC 17011 requirements incorporated, in order and in one place, along with the additional normative requirements added by TNI.

Any potential conflicts developed upon development of the standard or the proposed change to the standard?	no
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Any potential obstacles to implementation by ABs?	no
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Carl C. Kircher, Chair
Signature of proposal representative

12/12/2016
Date