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Source Sampling Organization Accreditation

TNI Accreditation of Field Sampling and Measurement Organizations

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The National Environmental Field Activities Program (NEFAP) encourages Field Sampling and Measurement Organizations (FSMOs) to implement a quality management system as an effective way to improve overall environmental data quality. Two committees drive these efforts – the NEFAP Executive Committee and the Field Activities Committee (FAC). NEFAP is separate and distinct from other TNI programs. While this is not currently a regulatory program, the information may be used to support regulatory reporting by requiring the FSMO (i.e., Testing Organization) to be accredited to the TNI FSMO standard in the facility’s Project Plan.

The NEFAP Executive Committee establishes and implements guidance, policies, procedures, and tools necessary to promote and maintain a national accreditation program for FSMOs. The Executive Committee is composed of representatives from various interested parties. TNI is making an effort through this committee to promote consistent application of the NEFAP standard and accreditation of FSMOs across federal and state agencies and accreditation bodies.

To learn more about NEFAP, visit <https://nelac-institute.org/committee/nefap> or contact the Chair of the NEFAP Executive Committee, [Justin Brown](#).

The mission of the TNI Field Activities Committee (FAC) is to develop consensus-based Standards based on ISO/IEC 17025 focused on field sampling and measurement (including CEMS systems). The FAC engages experts to develop consensus-based Standards with the goal of improving the consistency and implementation of field sampling and testing methods. The standards, policies, procedures, and implementation programs developed by the FAC may be used by stack testing organizations and other types of FSMOs.

Currently, Testers may be accredited to Volume 1 of the 2014 Standard. The FAC is in the process of developing the third update for this Standard. This update will incorporate ISO/IEC 17025:2017 into Volume 1 .

Input from all interested parties is encouraged through public webinars discussing standards development. To learn more, visit <https://nelac-institute.org/committee/fac> The Committee meets the first Monday of each month and opportunities currently exist to become a member of this committee. Contact [Scott Haas](#) and/or [Ilona Taunton](#) if you are interested in being on our mailing list or discussing committee membership.

