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Stationary Source Audit Sample Program

Sen-SSAS-tional News:

An update from the TNI SSAS Expert Committee

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The EPA’s Stationary Source Audit Program (SSAP) is still suspended due to a lack of a second Audit Sample Provider.

On February 16th, The NELAC Institute’s (TNI’s) Stationary Source Audit Sample Expert Committee (SSAS Committee) held a public webinar to seek input from stakeholders on proposed changes to the SSAS Volume. This Volume includes the requirements for Audit Sample Providers, Audit Sample Provider Accreditors, Testers, Regulators, and Laboratories. No substantial comments were generated as a result of this webinar. The Committee is encouraged by this, as it indicates that the changes being proposed are useful and clarifying.

The NELAC Institute (TNI) underwent its five-year planning session. As a result, all Committees in TNI were required to update their charters. The SSAS Committee charter underwent significant changes to clarify the Committee’s roles and responsibilities as described in 40 CFR Parts 60.8 and 63.7.

The SSAS Committee plans to turn its attention to the rewriting of Modules 1, 2, and 3 of the SASS Volume during upcoming meetings. The first step will be to review each comment received from the webinar in February. Proposed changes include requiring Source Samplers to store Audit Samples per the manufacturer’s instructions.

TNI and the TNI SSAS Committee encourage stakeholder participation on conference calls. The Committee’s regularly scheduled conference call is on the third Monday of each month at 2:00 pm Eastern. Each call lasts 1 ½ hours. Contact the Committee Chair (sheldstab@chesterlab.net) if you are interested in participating.

TNI and the TNI SSAS Committee encourage Source Sampler participation on conference calls.

