



LAB Expert Committee

Surveillance Assessments

Option #7 from ABTF Report
to TNI Board, July 13, 2011



Current Status

- ▶ ISO 17011 allows surveillance assessments, w/ full reassessment every 5 years (must do site visit every 2 years, per 7.11.3 b)
- ▶ V2M1 of TNI ELSS states same, but V2M3 requires full reassessment every $2\pm\frac{1}{2}$ yrs



Progress to Date

- Original ABTF recommended
“Form a Task Force with representatives from Accreditation Body Committee, Onsite Committee and LASEC to investigate how surveillance assessments could be implemented.....”





First Response – Joint Workgroup of LAB and LAS Committee

- Conclusion: Changing to 5 year cycle w/ surveillance in between will not ease resource demands on NELAP ABs
- Maybe resource savings for VLL*, but greater use of resources for small labs
- Many more small labs in NELAP

*VLL=very large lab



Unresolved....

- Substantial time savings estimated for VLL (322.5 vs 270 staff hrs) – pushback from stakeholders
- Similar time (1/2 day) each visit PLUS an additional visit/assessment cycle for small labs.
- Some ABs and others WANT 5 YEAR CYCLE





Response of TNI Board at January 2012 Meeting

- ABTF recommended referral to LAB Expert Committee for consultation w/ stakeholders, to resolve differing opinions





LAB EC Consultation with NELAP AC

- Discussion included
 - understanding potential difficulties in travel (only if required by regulation)
 - potentially higher resource costs for additional travel that would likely be incurred by NELAP ABs (for small labs)
- Consensus – changing the standard is undesirable at this time



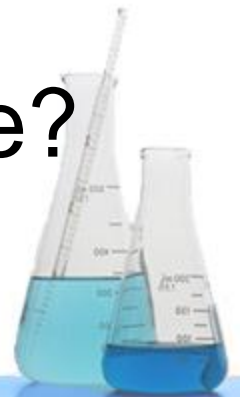
Discussion Now

Are there alternate ways to perform surveillance assessments, than actual site visit?

How do other ABs handle this?

How can we accommodate US EPA Drinking Water certification 3-year cycle, if TNI standard does change?

More???



Next Steps

- Are there other stakeholders with whom we should consult, that are not present here at conference?





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Organization	0 year	1 year	2 year	3 year	4 year	5 year	6 year	7 year
1. Strawman Initial Recommendation	O	Desk Review	S	Desk Review	S	O	S	Desk Review
2. A CLASS (for LAB+FSMO accreditation) (every 2 year alternate O+S)	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S
3. A2LA (every 2 years alternate O+S)	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S
4. L-A-B (OSA every 3 years, surveillance every year)	O	S	S	O	S	S	O	S
5. PJLA	O	S	O	S	—	O	—	S
6. TNI- Lab or FSMO (Reassessment only every 2 years ± 6 months) (ISO 17011)	O	—	O	—	O	—	O	—
7a. Model 1 TNI- Lab or FSMO (Combination of OSA and Surveillance) (ISO 17011)	O	S	—	S	—	O	—	S
7b. Model 2 TNI- Lab or FSMO (Combination of OSA and Surveillance)	O	—	S	—	S	O	—	S
8. EPA Manual Drinking Water Program (OSA at least once every 3* years or earlier)	O*	—	—	O*	—	—	O*	—
9. Nilda's Recommendation (to meet EPA drinking water Program)	O	S**	—	O	—	S***	O	—

