



Meeting Summary, February 13th, 2014
Meeting Location – Willow Lake WWTP, Salem, Oregon

OTAC Members			
<i>Dennis Wells</i>	<i>Chair, BSK Associates</i>	2014	<i>Present</i>
<i>Ken Yeomans</i>	<i>TestAmerica Labs</i>	2014	<i>Present</i>
<i>Marsha Farooqui</i>	<i>Portland Water Bureau</i>	2015	<i>Present</i>
<i>Scott Dickman</i>	<i>Alexin Analytical</i>	2015	<i>Present</i>
<i>Steve Thompson</i>	<i>Clean Water Services</i>	2015	<i>Present</i>
<i>Chuck Lytle</i>	<i>City of Portland</i>	2015	<i>Present</i>
<i>William Michalek</i>	<i>OELA</i>	2015	<i>Present</i>
<i>Darrell Auvil</i>	<i>Apex Labs, Secretary</i>	2015	<i>Present</i>
ORELAP STAFF:			
<i>Greg Pettit</i>	<i>DEQ Lab Administrator</i>	<i>Not present</i>	
<i>Chris Redman</i>	<i>DEQ ORELAP Lead</i>	<i>Not present</i>	
<i>Michael Skeels</i>	<i>Public Health Laboratory Director</i>	<i>Not present</i>	
<i>Gary K. Ward</i>	<i>ORELAP Administrator</i>	<i>Present</i>	
<i>Rita Youell</i>	<i>Public Health Lab., Lab. Compliance</i>	<i>Not present</i>	
GUESTS:	<i>Jennifer Shackelford (City of Portland) Keith Chapman (former City of Salem)</i>		

1. **Welcome / Additions to Agenda:** Dennis called meeting to order at about 10am. No additions were added to the agenda.
2. **Review of last meeting summary** December Meeting Minutes were approved.
3. **Membership Notes:** None.
4. **ORELAP Implementation Report:** Average of 24.6 days for in-state labs regarding assessments. Out-of-state labs are a bit more. Assessments are typically 10am – 3pm. Labs are invoiced 2 months ahead of accreditation expiration. ODIE is now on CITRIX, and can be accessed off-site.
5. **Marijuana Analysis:**
 TNI or ISO quality system?
 Which pesticides? GC/MS plus 5 TICs?
 DEA license for Labs.
 Limited time for evaluation of policy's?
 Sampling?
 ORELAP Assessments? Would need funding increase.
 THC analysis, metals analysis.

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6. **California Exit from NELAC.** California had a 3 year assessment by and A/B. EPA Region 10 and West Virginia audited. Their recommendation was NOT to renew CA.

California chose to voluntarily exit the program, rather than potentially be rejected for renewal. Effective 1/31/2014 34 labs that were accredited under CA now needed primary accreditation.

26 came to OR for primary accreditation. 6 had prior partial accreditation, but 20 labs had to go thru ODIE for the first time. ODIE still difficult, one issue with a server, but was fixed soon.

ORELAP worked with PT providers to pull a database for PT results and helped the transition.

Current CA assessments were accepted for entry into ORELAP program and audits by ORELAP personnel to be scheduled.

By Jan. 30th, all labs that had applied had been approved, a great feat to accomplish by ORELAP and also gave a strong boost to revenue. Some are interim accreditation until on-site assessments performed. A very busy month for ORELAP staff!!!

ORELAP still will give preference to in-state labs, but the additional out-of-state labs will help keep costs down for in-state labs.

Unknown future for the California NELAC program.

7. **The NELAC Institute (TNI):** New calibration module is coming and is out for comment. Removal of midpoints. Address 5-200% control limits. ICVs? New MDL method also in comment phase with EPA. Use of existing data; a calculated spike amount and subtraction of noise. Surrogates in organics not being qualified when 1 is in and 1 is out.--> this needs correction. Could be something from the 600 series reference.

8. **DEQ Permit Writers vs. Compliance.**

A Laboratory submitted a number of items where they are having difficulty with regarding the permits written by DEQ.

a) DEQ requiring good QA/QC, but is based on interpretation of the writer which leads to ambiguity for the customer. NELAC standards should be required.

b) A common format for DML/LOD or MRL/LOQ, or other acronyms for reporting limits and detection limits are common confusion.

c) A common reporting format would be helpful mg/l or ug/L, a common confusion again for customers.

d) Permits do not list a required LOQ/MDL/QC, depending on the permit, they will give out Water Quality Parameters for streams, but not LOQs. Labs want to know "how low do they want us to go"

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8. DEQ Permit Writers vs. Compliance (cont'd)

e) Clarity on permits would be very helpful. One item noted in a permit was the issue of Dissolved Oxygen = Biological Oxygen Demand. This is misleading clients asking for DO bottles.

9. NOTES:

OELA coming in May. Eola Hills Chemeketa CC.

Agenda: ODIE part 3, DEQ and RPA, New electronic format, DEQ Forum Q/A?

Ethics: Dennis is looking for real world examples of ethics questions.

Clean Water Services has openings in the lab, Check CWS website.

Scott H. @ DEQ has a presentation for small WW labs.

Question was posed are PT providers audited? A2LA?

City of Portland had a paper accepted regarding a Water Slurry, Micro-extraction preparation for PCBs, using 40 mL VOAs.

10. Next meeting: April 10th, 2014 → TestAmerica, Beaverton, OR, 10am.