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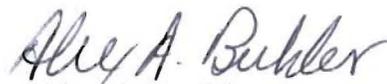
SUBJECT: DoD Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (DoD ELAP)

This memorandum establishes the DoD ELAP, a DoD-wide program to accredit laboratories that perform environmental testing in support of the Department of Defense and tasks the DoD Environmental Data Quality Workgroup (EDQW) with responsibility for implementing and providing oversight of this program as outlined in Attachment 1. Third party accrediting bodies will be used to assess laboratories on meeting the requirements of the DoD Quality Systems Manual for Environmental Laboratories (DoD QSM).

DoD ELAP shall implement the quality systems requirements of DoDI 4715.15, "Environmental Quality Systems," dated December 11, 2006 and the DoD policy and guidelines for Acquisitions Involving Environmental Sampling and Testing Services, dated December 4, 2007 (Attachment 2). DoD ELAP supports the goals of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (1996), as implemented by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The objectives of this accreditation program are to: 1) promote interoperability among DoD Components; 2) promote fair and open competition among commercial laboratories; 3) streamline the process for procuring environmental laboratory services; and 4) promote the collection of data of known and documented quality, suitable for their intended uses. It also complies with Section 515(a) of Public Law 106-554 (the Data Integrity Act) as implemented by OSD memorandum, *Ensuring Quality of Information Disseminated to the Public by the Department of Defense*, February 2003.



Effective October 1, 2009 laboratories approval seeking to perform testing in support of the DoD environmental restoration programs shall apply and be accredited in accordance with the requirements of this program prior to providing sampling or testing services. Laboratories with DoD Component approvals prior to this date will be subject to DoD ELAP requirements upon contract renewal. DoD ELAP requirements apply to DoD operations, activities, and installations, including Government-owned, contractor-operated facilities and formerly-used defense sites. In the future, DoD ELAP may be used by other programs to ensure that laboratories providing testing services comply with the requirements of the DoD QSM and Attachment 2. If there are questions on this program, please contact Mr. Ed Hartzog the chair of the EDQW at Edward.hartzog@navy.mil or Mr. Ed Miller from my office at Edmund.miller@osd.mil .



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Attachments:
As stated