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Public Comment
ELAP Regulations Development/Laboratory Standard
Deadline: 10/20/16 12:00 noon

Subject: Comment Letter – ELAP Regulations Development/Laboratory Standard



To the Members of the State Water Resources Control Board,

I am a client of Mammoth Community Water District Laboratory in Mono County. We use this facility to analyze bacteriological drinking water samples required by the State Water Resources Control Board.

If we lose this facility due to the excessive requirements of the proposed Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program's (ELAP) certification requirement to use Volume 1 of the NELAC Institute's (TNI) 2016 documents as requirement for laboratory accreditation, the extra time and money required to analyze our samples would increase costs and possibly endanger public health. The logistics of finding another laboratory and getting the samples to them in a timely manner would be nearly impossible.

Please consider the value of the small rural laboratory when considering this proposal by Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nora Gamino".

Nora Gamino
Acting Forest Engineer
Inyo National Forest