
State Water Resources Control Board

Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation: Third Party Assessment Process Overview

The State Water Resources Control Board adopted new CA ELAP regulations, which take effect on January 1, 2021. This diagram gives an overview of the assessment and application process for laboratories utilizing a third-party assessment agency.

List of Abbreviations and Symbols

TPA = Third Party Assessor

OSAR = On-site Assessment Report

CAP = Corrective Action Plan

1. Lab schedules assessment
2. TPA performs assessment
3. TPA sends OSAR to lab – this step is an opportunity to dispute finding
4. Lab sends CAP to TPA
5. TPA reviews CAP
6. If not approved, lab revises CAP and sends back to TPA for review
7. If approved, TPA sends approved CAP to lab
8. Lab submits application to ELAP with OSAR and CAP – this step is an opportunity to dispute finding
9. ELAP evaluates application
10. ELAP issues accreditation to lab – this step is an opportunity to dispute finding

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