

ACCURATE NEWS

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Is Your Lab Ready for an EPA Audit?

Quality Assurance is defined as a program for the systematic monitoring and evaluation of the various aspects of a project, service, or facility to ensure that standards of quality are being met. Quality Assurance programs are necessary in all organizations, and laboratories are no different. **The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is establishing minimum Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) requirements for all treatment plant laboratories.** Once implemented, laboratory technicians will be required to perform certain QA/QC checks for all tests and analyses performed at their labs. The purpose of the new requirements is to improve overall quality and consistency among treatment plant labs. So far, **EPA has assigned twelve QA/QC checks to be carried out by lab technicians.** A list of the 12 Quality Control checks can be found in the November 2012 Accurate News article, *Big Changes Coming for Treatment Plant Labs*. The new QA requirements will be well beyond what most labs are currently maintaining, and **it will take very specific QA/QC training, plus months of preparation and organization** to have a final QA system in place so that your lab technicians are able to maintain compliance with the new EPA requirements once they go into effect.

Accurate Labs and Training Center understands the importance of Quality Assurance and Quality Control. In fact, they have **dedicated nearly 10% or their staff to QA/QC.** Due to their tireless effort establishing the highest possible QA standards, Accurate Labs has been able to achieve **national (NELAP) and state (ODEQ) certifications**, not to mention being one of a small handful of labs in the nation that are **approved by the EPA for UCMR3 analyses.** It takes a great deal of experience, training, and planning to develop a strong QA program that will be able to defend your lab's results if they were ever to come into question. A solid QA system not only protects your lab, but it also provides your system with the confidence that your community is safe from harmful contaminants in drinking and recreational waters.

Using cutting-edge classroom presentations, and their new, state-of-the-art hands-on lab training facility, **Accurate Labs and Training Center** is able to **help explain QA/QC program requirements and assist in the development and implementation of QA programs.** **Accurate Training Center instructors are experts in their field with decades of experience developing and implementing lab QA/QC programs, and working with regulatory agencies.** They are a unique company that not only provides high quality training, but can also help you establish and maintain a QA/QC program for your lab. When you take all of this into consideration, along with the fact that **clients can also purchase supplies through Accurate's Laboratory Supply division (ALS),** there's only one call to make for all your laboratory needs. Call today or visit www.accuratelabs.com to find out more about the laboratory QA training and program services from Accurate Labs & Training Center.

STILLWATER CLASSES

FEBRUARY

01 Open Exam Session #10758
05 – 07 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper
11 – 15 "A/B" Wastewater Operator
18 – 19 "C" Water Operator
25 – 28 "A/B" Water Laboratory

MARCH

05 – 07 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper
08 Open Exam Session #10852
11 – 12 "C" Wastewater Operator
25 – 28 "C" Water Laboratory

APRIL

02 – 04 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper
05 Open Exam Session #10852
15 – 18 "C" Wastewater Laboratory
29 – 05/01 "A/B" Wastewater Laboratory

MAY

07 – 09 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper
10 Open Exam Session #10987
13 – 14 "C" Water Operator

TULSA CLASSES

FEBRUARY

08 Open Exam Session #10760
20 – 21 "C" Wastewater Operator
26 – 28 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper

MARCH

01 Open Exam Session #10850
13 – 14 "C" Water Operator
19 – 21 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper

APRIL

08 – 11 "B" Water Operator
12 Open Exam Session #10850
23 – 25 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper

MAY

03 Open Exam Session #10988
15 – 16 "C" Wastewater Operator
28 – 30 "D" Water & Wastewater Oper

New AETC Hands-On Laboratory Training Facility in Stillwater



Accurate Environmental is one of the nation's most unique and comprehensive environmental service providers. They not only operate the largest commercial environmental lab in Oklahoma and state-of-the-art operator and laboratory training centers, but also provide laboratory supply sales, field and sampling services with weekly sample pick-up routes, as well as environmental and engineering services.

Accurate Labs is comprised of three full-service laboratories, including our headquarters in Stillwater and two additional labs in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. They provide analytical services for drinking water, wastewater, groundwater, soil, sediment, sludge, and hazardous waste. Accurate Labs is nationally certified through The NELAC Institute, and the only commercial lab in Oklahoma that is fully certified for drinking water analysis.

Accurate Environmental Training Center (AETC) is an award winning training center offering operator and laboratory certification and renewal classes at their classrooms in Stillwater and Tulsa. Using multiple instructors for each class, and various teaching methods, such as pie charts and standard formulas for math, AETC is able to tailor training to meet the needs of each individual student.

Accurate Laboratory Supplies (ALS) is an authorized Hach dealer that can save you valuable time and money on all your laboratory supplies, chemicals, and equipment needs with one simple phone call. ALS even offers FREE DELIVERY to clients along their routine sample pick-up routes.

Accurate Field Services, with a team of well-trained field service technicians, provides field and sampling services throughout the state for drinking water, wastewater, soil, sludge, and hazardous waste. Accurate Field Services also has weekly sample pick-up routes to provide their clients with a fast, economical, and safer way to get samples to Accurate Labs for analysis.

Accurate Engineering Services (AES) provides expert technical assistance related to municipal and industrial water, wastewater, solid wastes and biosolids, industrial pretreatment, and environmental site assessments. AES is here to help your system meet EPA and DEQ rules and regulations, improve operation performance, and reduce operating costs.