

R206 – SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING LABORATORY
ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

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This document describes the accreditation requirements applicable to laboratories performing chemical and/or biological analyses with regards to environmental monitoring and testing. This document supersedes the *A2LA Environmental Program Requirements (November 2003)*. Participation in this program is voluntary.

GENERAL CRITERIA:

The general criteria for accreditation are contained in ISO/IEC 17025:2005, *General Requirements for Accreditation of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*, as referenced in Part A of *R101 - General Requirements: Accreditation of ISO/IEC 17025 Laboratories* (“green booklet”).

SPECIFIC CRITERIA:

Specific criteria are the general criteria plus those requirements of accreditation applicable to a certain field of testing, testing technology, type of test, or specific test. The specific criteria for environmental testing are contained within the *2003 NELAC Standard – Chapter 5*. This document is available from:

<http://www.nelac-institute.org>

and complete the following process:

From the menu on the TNI website home page – select “Links”.

By selecting “Links”, the laboratory will be directed to the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (old web page from the EPA website).

From the old EPA website, the laboratory will be directed to the old NELAC website.

The old NELAC website contains the 2003 NELAC Standard.

PROFICIENCY TESTING:

Please refer to *R103 – General Requirements: Proficiency Testing for ISO/IEC 17025 Laboratories* and the associated *R103a – Annex: Proficiency Testing for ISO/IEC 17025 Laboratories* for the proficiency testing requirements applicable to this program.

Document Revision History

Date	Description
June 2002	Initial version released.
November 2003	Requirements updated to incorporate the NELAC standards
March 2006	Revised to incorporate the updated 2003 NELAC Chapter 5 Standard
June 2007	Revise the NELAC contact information

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