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ANTITRUST STATEMENT

OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ANTI-TRUST LAWS Legal Limitations on Discussions at OELA Meetings

It is the desire of OELA as a trade association and its members to operate and conduct business meetings in a manner that reflects both the spirit and the intent of Anti-Trust laws.

A free exchange of ideas and views on matters of mutual interest to representatives of the environmental laboratory industry including laboratories, regulatory authorities, laboratory clients and laboratory suppliers is essential to the successful operation of OELA.

It is not the purpose of this document to discourage the exploration of any matters of legitimate concern to meeting participants. Nevertheless, ignoring Anti-Trust ground rules, either through ignorance or otherwise, may create hazards that OELA members cannot afford.

The directors and members of OELA are reminded that they are required to comply with the spirit and specific requirements of the Anti-Trust laws on all activities within the scope of and related to official functions of the organization.

The general requirements of the Anti-Trust laws prohibit agreement to restrict trade between competitors. Among the specific prohibitions are included the following items:

“... discussing or agreeing to fix or regulate current or future prices of services, price lists or the conditions of terms of sale.”

“... discussing or agreeing to any procedures or process for coordinating price changes.”

“... discussing or agreeing to establish geographical trading areas, allocate markets or clients, or classify certain clients as being entitled to preferential treatment.”

“... discussing or agreeing to boycott any party or deny any party access to markets, services or publicly available information.”

“... participating in any plan designed to induce any vendor or laboratory to sell or refrain from selling or discriminate in favor or against any particular customer/client or class of customer/clients.”

CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Association are committed to establishing and maintaining high standards of ethics and quality in our industry. Individual members and member laboratories demonstrate their continuing commitment to ethics and quality by agreeing to:

- Build on existing Association relationships with state and local agencies. Promote open and timely communication between government regulators and the regulated community.
- Increase client knowledge. Educate clients regarding technical issues as well as their legal and ethical rights and responsibilities.
- Train employees appropriately. Ensure competency before allowing employees to perform sample preparation, chemical analysis or data generation.
- Encourage all members of our industry to obey all pertinent federal, state and local laws and regulations. Lead by example.
- Maintain laboratory facilities, equipment and instrumentation adequately to ensure the accuracy and precision of measurements.
- Elevate the status of all environmental laboratories, their employees and the value of the services they perform.
- Willingly participate in critical review through ORELAP, EPA and third party Performance Evaluation programs, agency audits and client challenges of data.
- Accept work only when there exists a reasonable expectation that the client will gain something of value. Satisfy all commitments to quality, timeliness and other project objectives. Provide services in a confidential, honest and forthright manner.
- To deal honestly and fairly in all business and financial matters with employees, clients and the public.
- Legally and ethically manage laboratory waste. Make responsible decisions regarding disposal, recycling, reuse and minimization.
- Treat clients, employees and the environment with respect. Operate facilities in a manner that protects the environment and the health and safety of employees and the public.

BOARD MEMBERS

- Kyle Grogan (President, kgrogan@nrclabs.com): Neilson Research Corporation
- Jennifer Shakelford (Vice President): City of Portland Water Pollution Control Laboratory
- Beth Myers (Treasurer): Waterlab Corporation
- Kim Ramsay (Secretary): Neilson Research Corporation
- Jan Wilson: Cammia Environmental
- Marsha Farooqui: City of Portland Water Bureau
- Melanie Ryan: City of Eugene
- Gary Ward: Ward Associates
- Thomas Williams: Umpqua Research

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- Drinking Water Advisory Committee (DWAC)
 - Beth Myers
 - Kim Ramsay
- ORELAP Technical Advisory Committee (OTAC)
 - Marsha Farooqui (Chair)
 - Kim Ramsay
 - Jennifer Shakelford
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 - Kim Ramsay
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BOARD MEMBERS RETIRING FROM THE BOARD

- Jan Wilson: Cammia Environmental
- Marsha Farooqui: City of Portland Water Bureau

OTAC (ORELAP TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

- Marsha Farooqui (Chair, Marsha.Farooqui@portlandoregon.gov): Portland Water Bureau
- Derrick Tanner (Vice Chair): Columbia Laboratories
- Darrell Auvil (Secretary): Apex Labs
- Kim Ramsay (OELA Representative): Neilson Research Corporation
- Drexell Barnes: City of Bend
- Jennifer Shakelford: Portland Water Pollution Control Laboratory
- Elizabeth Bunger: BSK
- Melanie Ryan: City of Eugene
- Erik Werstler: BIOGEN

OELA ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2023/2024

- Wastewater Accreditation
 - Held meetings with Oregon Environmental Council, Riverkeepers, and legislators in Washington DC regarding the wastewater bill.
 - Created a bill that is currently in review.
 - Will soon be seeking a sponsor for the next legislative session.
- Methylene Chloride EPA Ban
 - Tracking the progress of ban and keeping labs informed.
- TNI and NEMC Conferences
- OELA Annual Conference

SPONSOR 'BINGO'

- Pick up your game sheet at the registration table.
- Visit all of the sponsors to get stamped.
- Drop off your game sheet at the registration table by 3:30 PM.
- Winner will receive a gift basket provided by the sponsors.

ETHICS TRAINING

- Attendance sheet will be passed around during the presentation.
- Please write clearly.
- Certificate will be emailed after the conference.