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ORIGIN & GOALS OF CA ELAP

OVERVIEW

- ✖ Origin of CA ELAP
- ✖ ELAP Responsibilities
- ✖ ELAP Goals
- ✖ Constraints
- ✖ Why are we here?

ORIGIN OF ELAP

- ✖ Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Act – AB 3739, Statutes of 1988
 - + Effective January 1, 1989
 - + Also formed the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Fund – fully fee funded
 - + Consolidated multiple accreditation programs
 - + Lab accreditation program is necessary for primacy

ELAP RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✘ Ensure quality of analytical data used by CA regulatory programs
- ✘ Program Elements
 - + Certify
 - + Inspect
 - + Monitor
 - + Enforce

ELAP GOALS

- ✖ Meet primary responsibility to CA regulatory agencies
- ✖ Integrate more fully with agency quality systems
- ✖ Close the loop on data quality

WHAT IS A QUALITY SYSTEM?

- ✗ Quality policy
 - ✗ Quality objectives
 - ✗ Quality manual
 - ✗ Organizational structure and responsibilities
 - ✗ Data management
- ✗ Processes
 - ✗ Data quality
 - ✗ Continuous improvement - corrective and preventive action

CONSTRAINTS

- ✖ ELAP is a State entity – not a business
- ✖ Legislative action is necessary to increase staff
- ✖ Limited ability to travel out of state
- ✖ External forces out of our control
 - + Furloughs
 - + Bargaining contracts

WHY ARE WE REVIEWING ELAP?

- ✖ Recognize the program has problems
- ✖ Seeking external, independent advice
- ✖ Committing to holding ourselves accountable

QUESTIONS?
