

CH2M HILL's Applied Sciences Laboratory (ASL) obtains DoD ELAP Accreditation

CH2M HILL's Applied Sciences Laboratory (ASL) has long served the analytical needs of numerous US Department of Defense (DoD) clients. In the past, various DoD branches developed their own requirements for accreditation of analytical laboratories. As a result, the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Air Force, US Navy, and US Coast Guard developed separate certifications or accreditations which



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had varying quality control or data reporting requirements.

Beginning in late 2009, the DoD Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) was established. The intent of the program is to promote consistency of analytical data between DoD branches, to promote fair and open participation by analytical laboratories, and to facilitate the procurement of analytical services. Laboratories which held existing accreditation

by individual DoD branches (such as US Air Force AFCEE) could continue to provide analytical services until the end of the accreditation period, at which time DoD ELAP accreditation would be required.

ASL is currently the only known laboratory which has DOD ELAP accreditation for aquatic toxicology tests (bioassays)

Realizing that CH2M HILL would continue to work for DoD clients, ASL undertook the process of becoming DoD ELAP accredited. The outcome of the accreditation process has left ASL in a strong position to continue to provide superior analytical services for CH2M HILL's DoD clients. Among the test methods for which ASL has received accreditation for are several aquatic toxicology (bioassay) tests. This capability sets ASL apart from other commercial testing laboratories, as no other laboratories are known to carry DoD ELAP accreditation for bioassay testing.



A copy of ASL's DoD ELAP accreditation and scope of approved tests is [available online](#).

For additional information on DoD analytical testing or pricing, please contact ASL Customer Services: asl@ch2m.com (541) 768-3120.