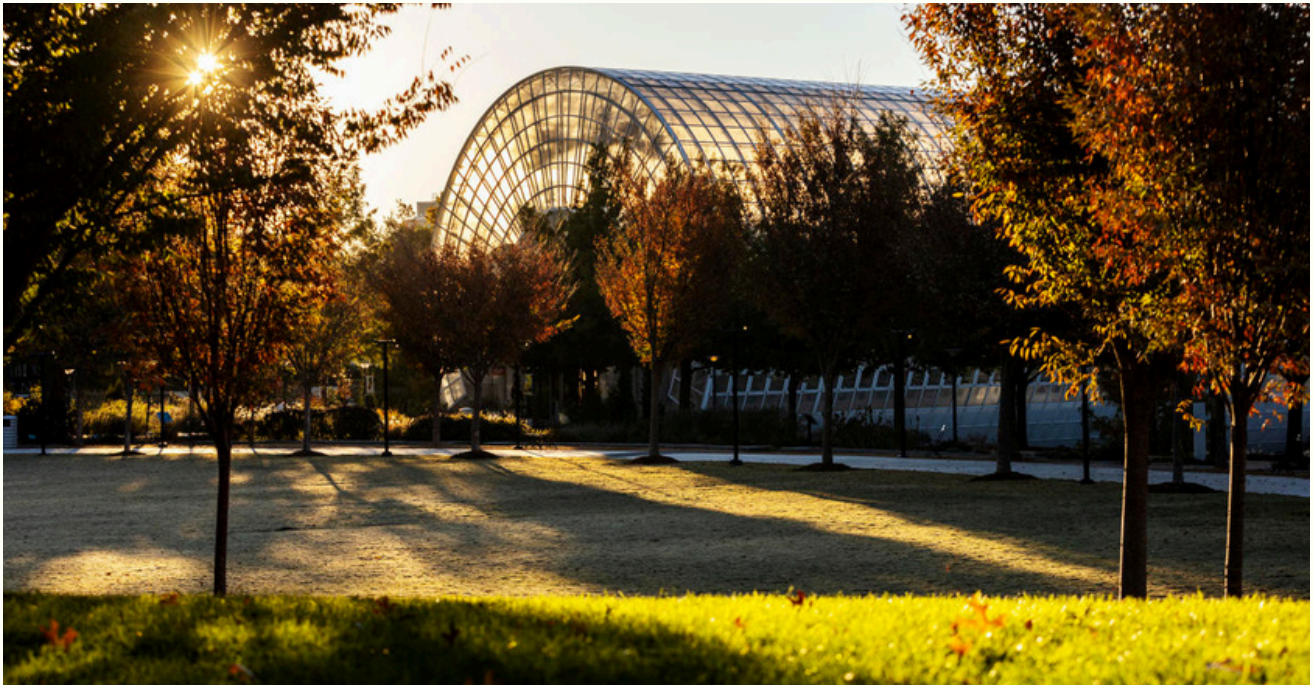
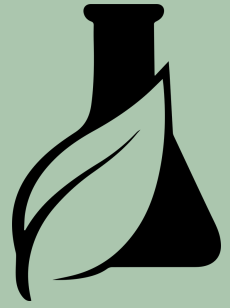


OK DEQ LAP NEWSLETTER

3RD QUARTER OF 2024



As we embrace changing temperatures and colors outside, let's grab a warm cup and talk about what news we have from within the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Laboratory Accreditation Program (OK DEQ LAP)!

ANNUAL RENEWAL STATUS UPDATE:



As we continue processing the applications, we are also waiting for the invoices to be generated. We will be issuing the invoices via email as soon as we are able.

The invoices will be sent to the laboratory primary point of contact unless we have a separately identified individual on file for receiving invoices.

If you would like the invoices to be physically mailed or emailed to a different person, please let us know so that we can make that adjustment.

We emailed out an extension letter to all of our currently accredited laboratories' primary point of contact on August 30, 2024, to ensure that nobody experiences a lapse in accreditation due to renewal processing time. If your laboratory did not receive an extension letter, please let us know so that we can get one to you as soon as possible!

If you have any concerns regarding your application or payment, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We are so grateful to you all and for your patience!

MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES:



Methylene Chloride Regulation:

As mentioned in our [previous newsletter](#), EPA finalized a rule limiting the use, purchase, and manufacturing of methylene chloride (MeCl_2), effective July 8, 2024.

EPA has now issued a guide for how to comply with this regulation:

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-07/mecl-compliance-guide.pdf>



WATER QUALITY DIVISION (WQD)
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY (PWS)
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER:



We're not the only ones at DEQ writing quarterly newsletters!
Our friends in the WQD PWS group also have a newsletter!

- 3rd Quarter of 2024 Newsletter:

https://www.deq.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/water-division/PWS_Newsletter-Q3_2024.pdf

Sign-up link for receiving the WQD PWS newsletters:

- <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/OKDEQ/subscriber/new?preferences=true#tab1>

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EPA ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE LABORATORY NETWORK (ERLN):



The [ERLN](#) is a voluntary and comprehensive laboratory network prepared to be activated in response to a variety of analytical needs in the face of an environmental emergency response and recovery situation.

In the event of a large environmental emergency, it's estimated that there would be around 10,000 samples needing urgent environmental analysis. The purpose of the ERLN is to ensure that if there is an emergency on this scale, that the country has the capacity needed to perform the needed testing and provide reliable, high-quality analytical data to move forward and make timely, critical decisions.

When a laboratory decides to become a member of the ERLN, not only are they participating in a critical component of national safety and security, but they also gain access to large-scale training and exercise opportunities, including networking and building relationships with other environmental laboratories across the nation.

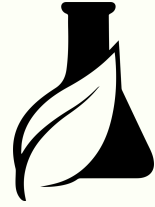
If your laboratory is interested in learning more about the ERLN, contact

ERLNHelpDesk@gdit.com

or visit their website:

<https://www.epa.gov/emergency-response/environmental-response-laboratory-network-membership>

Thank you all for your attention
and we hope that you have a lovely autumn!



Please reach out with any questions, comments, or
concerns. We're here for you and we're here to help.

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