

PJLA Update Notification

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Form/Procedure/Policy: EPA NLLAP LQSR 4.0 Transition Requirements

Attention All Applicant and Accredited Organizations:

On October 23, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the finalization of updated guidance on laboratory standards under the National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP). This update, titled "**Laboratory Quality Standards for Recognition (LQSR 4.0)**," supersedes the previous guidance document, "**Laboratory Quality System Requirements (LQSR) Revision 3.0**" dated November 5, 2007.

EPA requires all laboratories to transition to LQSR 4.0 by **December 22, 2025**.

Key PJLA Transition Details:

- Laboratories currently recognized under NLLAP must transition from LQSR 3.0 to **LQSR 4.0 by December 22, 2025**,
- All assessments after that date, PJLA will assess to LQSR 4.0 regardless of their accreditation cycle
- The LQSR 4.0 LF-56 working document checklist is available on the PJLA website. Note this document is a resource tool only. The LQSR Version 4.0 standard shall be utilized to ensure full compliance.
- Training is planned for Summer 2025.

Laboratories must integrate ASTM E1583– 21a *Standard Practice for Evaluating Laboratories Engaged in Determination of Lead in Paint, Dust, Airborne Particulates, and Soil Taken from and Around Buildings and Related Structures* into their management systems and a copy must be available as an externally controlled document.

All laboratories are encouraged to begin reviewing LQSR 4.0 promptly and initiate internal assessments to determine what adjustments, if any, will be required for full conformance.

Please ensure that relevant staff and quality personnel are made aware of this transition and are involved in implementation planning as necessary.

Thank you!