**Section 186.120 Definitions**

For the purposes of this Part, unless otherwise specifically defined or the context clearly requires a different meaning:

"Act" means the Illinois Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5].

"Accrediting Body" means the territorial, state or federal agency having responsibility and accountability for environmental laboratory accreditation and that grants NELAP accreditation.

"Agency" means the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The Agency administers the environmental laboratory accreditation program. The Agency serves as the accrediting body (primary and secondary), and the assessor body, unless the Agency designates a third party assessor body.

"Biennial Basis" means every two years, plus or minus six months.

"NELAP" means the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program.

"Primary Accreditation" means an accreditation granted by a primary accreditation body.

"Primary Accreditation Body" means the accreditation body responsible for assessing a laboratory's total quality system, on-site assessment, and proficiency test performance tracking for fields of accreditation.

"Secondary Accreditation" means an accreditation granted by a secondary accreditation body.

"Secondary Accreditation Body" means an accreditation body that grants laboratory accreditation for a field of accreditation based on recognition of accreditation from a primary accreditation body for the same field of accreditation.

"TNI" means The NELAC Institute.

"TNI Standard" means The NELAC Institute (TNI) Standard titled "Requirements for the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program", incorporated by reference in Section 186.115.

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