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# Legionella Testing: Be Sure You Are Protecting the Public

Legionella bacteria kill thousands of people every year in the United States and are a very common bacteria that live in many types of water sources. One particular source of water that is ideal for high levels of Legionella are cooling tower systems. Cooling tower systems produce aerosol droplets that can contain the Legionella bacteria and are inhaled by humans in the area of the tower. Legionnaires disease or Pontiac Fever infection is caused by inhalation of the Legionella bacteria, and can be fatal to individuals with compromised immune systems. There are many ways to control the growth of Legionella in cooling towers but if you are not monitoring for the actual concentration of Legionella bacteria in your cooling tower, you can never be absolutely sure your treatment is successful.

Accurate Environmental offers a Legionella testing procedure that is superior to the culture methods currently being used. Other methods require complicated procedures and analyst identification of specific cultured colonies. This procedure can lead to loss of colonies producing false low numbers being reported and poor precision between analysts and laboratories. The Legiolert method, used by Accurate Environmental, does not require complicated procedures or analyst identification of colonies but rather is based on simple sample preparation and an easily identifiable color change. This leads to more accurate and precise concentrations being reported. In addition, Accurate Labs has extensive quality control procedures in place for all analytical methods, ensuring that any data produced by Accurate Labs is of the highest quality. Don't assume you are protecting the public from harmful Legionella, instead be confident and monitor your water with the best method currently available.

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## CLASS SCHEDULE

### **STILLWATER**

#### **OCTOBER**

06 Open Exams

03-04 D W & WW Oper

09-10 C WW Oper

23-26 C WW Lab

#### **NOVEMBER**

03 Open Exams

07-09 DW & WW Oper

13-16 A/B W Oper

27-30 CW Lab

#### **TULSA**

#### **OCTOBER**

13 Open Exams

11-12 CW Oper

16-19 B WW Oper

26-26 DW & WW Oper

#### **NOVEMBER**

17 Open Exams

28-30 D W & WW Oper

Don't forget to submit your exam application to DEQ at least 3 weeks before the scheduled exam date!