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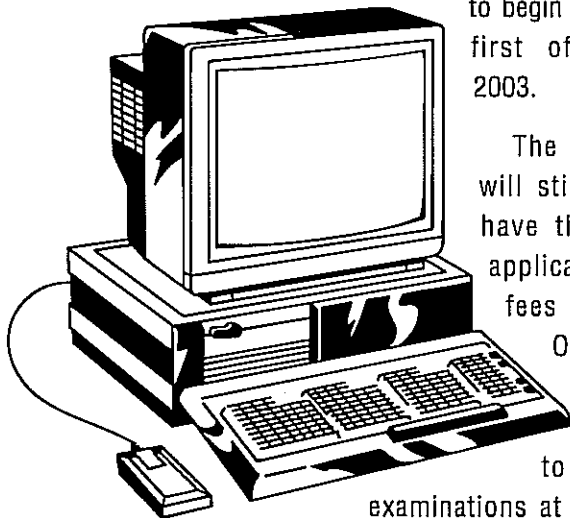
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Examination by Internet (Computers) At Accurate Training Center

You can now take your state certifications examinations at Accurate Training Center (ATC) on the computer over the Internet. ATC has worked with ODEQ to be one of the sites where an operator can take their certification examinations after they take the class at Accurate Training Center. We are hoping to begin this by the first of January 2003.



The students will still have to have their exam applications and fees sent to ODEQ prior the class to be able to take the examinations at ATC. The

details are still being worked out, but we plan to be up and running by January 1, 2003, if not before. You can still take the written examinations on the given Fridays. But, with the computer examinations, you can take it on the last day of class and receive your exam results immediately following the exam. This way you will know immediately if you passed or failed and can take the results home to your employer. If you pass, you will receive your license in the same 2 - 3 week span.

Taking your exams at ATC will cut down the waiting period for the written examinations to come around, taking another half to full day off from work, and help eliminate the driving time and expenses.

If you have any questions concerning the computerized examinations, please call Clarke Hodson, Training Administrator, at Accurate Training Center at 1 - 800 - 516 - LABS (5227).

EPA Announces Full Approval for the 20th Edition of Standard Methods

After undergoing a four-year long approval process, the EPA has provided a stamp of approval for every method related to EPA compliance monitoring. The 20th Edition of Standard Methods is now approved and available for purchase.

If you do not have your copy of the 20th Edition of Standard Methods, call Ron Fazel at Accurate Laboratory Supplies and order your copy today.

Ron Fazel can be reached at 1 - 800 - 516 - LABS (5227).



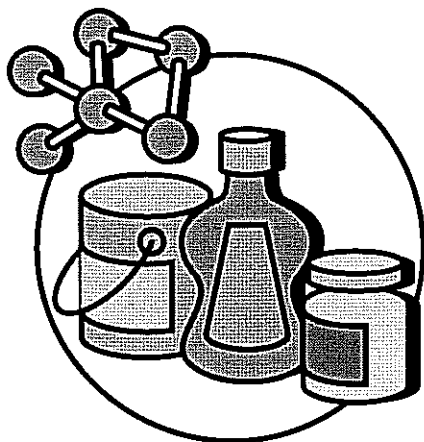
Accurate Training Center 2003 Class Schedule January – April 2003

Location	Subject	Dates	Credit
Stillwater	"D" W & WW Operator	Jan 21 – 23	24
Stillwater	"D" W & WW Operator	Feb 04 – 06	24
Stillwater	"D" W & WW Operator	Mar 04 – 06	24
Stillwater	"D" W & WW Operator	Apr 01 – 03	24
Stillwater	"C" Water Operator	March 18 - 20	24
Stillwater	"C" Wastewater Operator	Jan 07 – 09	24
Stillwater	"C" WW Lab	Feb 17 – 20	32
Stillwater	"C" Water Lab	April 14 – 17	32
Stillwater	"A/B" Water Operator	Feb 25 – 27	24
Stillwater	"B" Water Lab	April 21 - 24	32
Stillwater	"A" Water Lab	April 28 – May 02	40
Stillwater	"A/B" WW Operator	March 25 – 27	24
Stillwater	Pretreatment – Industry	February 28	08
Stillwater	Pretreatment – Local Limits	March 28	08
Stillwater	Pretreatment – Combined Waste Calculations	April 11	08
Stillwater	Sampling Class	Jan 17	08
Tulsa	"D" W & WW Operator	Jan 07 – 09	24
Tulsa	"D" W & WW Operator	Feb 18 – 20	24
Tulsa	"D" W & WW Operator	Mar 18 – 20	24
Tulsa	"D" W & WW Operator	Apr 15 – 17	24
Tulsa	"C" Water Operator	Jan 21 – 23	24
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Accurate Training Center has their 2003 class schedule available. If you would like to

receive one, please contact Clarke Hodson at 1 – 800 – 516 – LABS (5227).

NELAP Certified



Accurate has just achieved NELAP Laboratory Accreditation through the State of Louisiana and Kansas. Accurate is one of only three labs which has obtained NELAC certification in the state of Oklahoma.

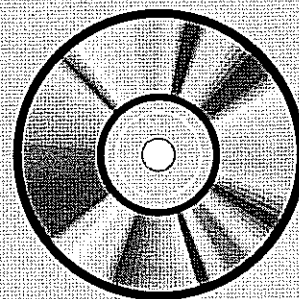
Accurate is the only commercial lab which possesses NELAC Accreditation, Drinking Water Certification, Wastewater Certification and RCRA Certification in the state of Oklahoma. As of the spring of 2002, there are 13 NELAP Accrediting Authorities in 12 states. Over 950 laboratories in 45 states have received accreditation from at least one NELAP accrediting authority.

The NELAP certification process has taken a year of data, record, QC, Analyst Accountability system enhancements to achieve. NELAC's purpose is to establish and promote one mutually acceptable performance standards for the operation of environmental laboratories. EPA's NELAP office provides support to NELAC and evaluation of the accrediting authority programs. NELAP will provide benefits to the environmental community such as improved acceptability of data to regulators and customers, establish credibility of data, and significantly reduce the substantial costs associated with redundant state accreditation audits.

The lack of a national environmental laboratory accreditation program was a great burden on the laboratory community when dealing with accreditation from multiple states. As a result, in 1990 the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) was established as a standards-setting body to support the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP). Accreditation under NELAP may be applied to environmental laboratories performing analyses under most EPA programs. Accurate is very pleased to have achieved this level of performance and will always be proactive in the advancement of analytical integrity.

Metals Dept.

The Metals Department acquired a new ThermoElemental IRIS Intrepid ICP this summer. The instrument and new version of the TEVA software has been a great addition. It has been up and running for several months now, and has increased our capabilities and output to better serve our clients. We have a fine group of analysts and technicians working together to provide quality analyses along with quick turn times. Our department runs 2 ICPs, 2 Graphite Furnace AAs, and a Cold Vapor Mercury Analyzer. If you have any questions regarding metals analyses, call Mark Vaughan and I will be happy to help.



Mark Vaughan
Metals Manager

Distribution & Collections Classes Update



According to Kristi Sanger of the ODEQ, the Distribution and Collection Study Guides have the first three chapters in review currently. She is looking at June of 2003 at the earliest to have the study guides completed and the examinations done. This may mean

January of 2004 to be more realistic with classes, examinations and study guides in hand.

Kristi is working very hard in putting these together and we are looking forward to seeing her finished product.



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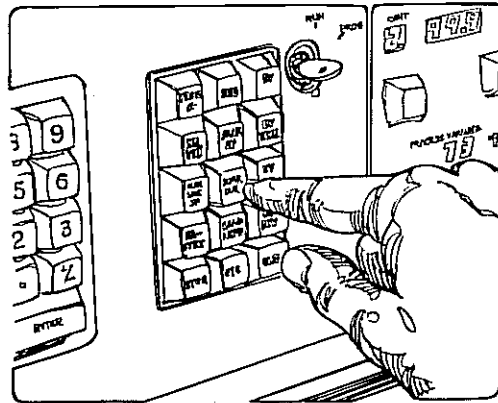
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Accurate Labs New Volatile Equipment

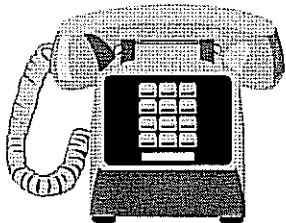
Accurate Labs is proud to announce that it has purchased a new GC/MS for the analysis of volatile organics. It is an OI auto-sampler and sample concentrator, an HP 6890 Gas Chromatograph, and a HP 5973 Network Mass Selective Detector. This instrument is our third GC/MS system for the analysis of volatile organic compounds. The new



equipment will speed up our volatile analysis times and our overall productivity. Accurate Labs has been very committed to upgrading and purchasing the best equipment possible. This commitment to having the "top of the line" equipment gives our clients the best possible data in the shortest amount of time.

Danny Chance
Organics Manager

Accurate Labs will pick up your samples along seven statewide routes. Please call.



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