

GLEMP NEWS

What is GLEMP's Purpose?

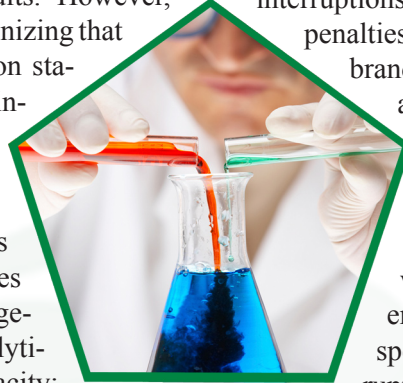


GLEMP is an association of industrial firms interested in minimizing laboratory risk and improving laboratory selection processes while controlling costs through shared cost laboratory reviews and routine participation in performance evaluation (PE) programs. Members are committed to selecting, contracting with, and monitoring the performance of "best in class" laboratories **worldwide**.

To learn more about membership or the laboratory program log on to GLEMP.org

A Message from the GLEMP Administrator (administrator@glemp.org)

For representatives of industry, the accreditation status of a laboratory can provide useful information about the laboratory's most basic capability to manage, operate, and deliver analytical results. However, industry is generally recognizing that a laboratory's accreditation status alone is not the only information critical in their decision-making. Other factors include but are not limited to: the strengths and potential weaknesses of the laboratory's management, operations, and analytical capabilities and capacity; and the laboratory's financial standing and going-forward indicators. Indeed, in this age of "just-in-time" management, the customer/supply-chain dictates the need for periodic evaluation and on-going monitoring of contract laboratories as part of



their business interruption risk program. Should a laboratory's operations be unexpectedly interrupted, the user's compliance status may be jeopardized. Such interruptions could result in financial penalties, production impacts, and brand value reduction. Indeed, a user of laboratory services must have confidence in a laboratory's ability to consistently deliver accurate analytical results within the acceptable tolerance of the user's project-specific needs, without interruption or reduced confidence.

GLEMP's programs will help laboratories demonstrate to their clients and potential clients the factors necessary for informed decisions by their clients and potential clients.

By Jeff Sacre, Administrator of GLEMP

The Latest Scoop on GLEMP

On October 12th and 13th the first meeting of the GLEMP organization occurred in Pittsburgh. The meeting proved to be a success as the members developed an understanding of the value that cooperative evaluation of laboratories could provide. GLEMP is modeled after CHWMEG, which is a similar non-profit organization of firms that cooperate to evaluate hazardous waste disposal sites. (www.chwmeg.org)

The meeting provided the opportunity to form committees to finalize a protocol for laboratory reviews, and to finalize the performance evaluation protocol that meets the needs of member firms to



evaluate their laboratories of interest. The organization has identified a large number of laboratories commonly used by the members.

To learn more about GLEMP and how to become a member or a participating lab, log on to www.glemp.org. If you are a laboratory and you would be interested in participating in the GLEMP laboratory program, contact APG or log on to www.apgqa.com/glemp to submit your application. To be on the first distribution list of GLEMP participating laboratories, submit your information by no later than November 27th.

Important GLEMP Dates

November 27, 2006

Application Due Date for First Class of Laboratories

December 2006

First Class of GLEMP Participating Laboratories Announced

January 2007

GLEMP Study

April 2007

GLEMP Study



Frequently Asked Questions About the GLEMP Program

Below, you will find the questions commonly asked by laboratories that are interested in participating in the GLEMP Program (ask at administrator@glemp.org).

Question: How do GLEMP members benefit?

Answer: Corporate environmental data users will benefit from reviewing performance evaluation data and objective lab reviews in selecting, evaluating, and monitoring labs that support their environmental programs.

Question: Does GLEMP replace NELAC?

Answer: No, GLEMP is not an accreditation program. It is used by participating industrial organizations to independently evaluate and select laboratories. This is accomplished through cost sharing and individual member evaluation.

Question: What are the requirements for laboratories, and how much will it cost?

Answer: Laboratories must run PE samples for GLEMP twice a year for each analyte of interest. GLEMP's PE program will potentially allow labs to reduce the number of performance evaluations conducted for clients, and labs, if they choose, may use the GLEMP PE program to meet accreditation requirements.

Question: What criteria will be used in GLEMP performance evaluations?

Answer: GLEMP does not pass judgement on the performance evaluations or the laboratory reviews. GLEMP's sole responsibility is to present data to members who independently evaluate all laboratories of interest.

Question: How does a laboratory schedule PE samples?

Answer: Fill out the GLEMP application or log onto APGQA.com/GLEMP to print them, and send them to APG.

Question: When will the first GLEMP laboratory directory be posted to the members?

Answer: GLEMP members will have access to the first lab directory in December 2006. Contact information and each laboratory's study schedule will be distributed for member review, and all other profile information will be available to the members at that time.

Question: When will GLEMP begin the lab reviews?

Answer: GLEMP members are in the process of finalizing the lab review protocol and are selecting review contractors. Reviews are expected to begin in the summer of 2007.

Question: When can a laboratory submit data to GLEMP?

Answer: Laboratories must choose to participate in two GLEMP studies and they must also opt to release the data to GLEMP before the end of a study. (available studies are on the right)

If your question was not answered here, contact us at (412) 826-5003.



GLEMP Studies

Waste Water - WP (select two)

January 2007	April 2007
July 2007	October 2007

Soils & Hazardous Waste (select two)

January 2007	April 2007
July 2007	October 2007

Drinking Water - WS (select two)

January 2007	April 2007
July 2007	October 2007

To join the studies that work for you, simply fill out the product forms and send them in.

(If you return your forms before November 27th, you will be in the first class of GLEMP laboratories.)

Sign Up today!

How to Apply

1. Fill out GLEMP program application.
2. Choose studies and samples on product forms and send to APG.
3. Run samples and report PE data for GLEMP.

For more info, log on to APGQA.com/GLEMP