

# DEQ Laboratory Accreditation Program

## OAC 252:307 TNI Laboratory Accreditation

### Suspension Policy

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Chapter 307, TNI Laboratory Accreditation is based on the 2009 TNI standard. This Suspension Policy applies only to those laboratories which apply or are accredited to the chapter.

Failure to meet the requirements of Chapter 307 Subchapters 9 or part 1, Proficiency Testing or submit a corrective action for a suspended (analyte) will result in nonrenewal for the failed field of accreditation or category. Once accreditation for a Field of Accreditation, FoA or category has been lost, the procedure for initial or interim accreditation shall apply.

Laboratory suspension will occur when a laboratory fails to comply with Subchapter 9 Section 3: failing the last two of three proficiency testing rounds. The suspension will be temporary lasting no more than six months or when the accreditation expires whichever is less. The laboratory must notify the Laboratory Accreditation Program of its intent to regain accreditation through submission of a corrective action response for the failed proficiency test as described in subchapter 9 section 10.

Upon receipt of a second consecutive acceptable proficiency test result the DEQ will re-instate, to good standing, the FoA or category and waive the filing for initial or interim accreditation. The DEQ will require the laboratory to file an initial or interim accreditation if the corrective action response exceeds 6 months or the current certificate expires.