

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.20505 Laboratory data quality recognition program; purpose; implementation; participation by commercial laboratory.**

Sec. 20505. (1) The department shall implement a laboratory data quality recognition program to identify commercial laboratories that the department considers to be qualified to generate analytical data for submission to the department for compliance purposes under this act.

(2) Participation in the quality recognition program by a commercial laboratory is voluntary. A commercial laboratory shall not be restricted or prohibited from generating analytical data for submission to the department for compliance purposes under this act based on nonparticipation or unsuccessful participation in the quality recognition program.

(3) Each time the department lets a contract or contracts for state-funded laboratory work authorized under this act, the department shall use only those commercial laboratories that are successful participants in the quality recognition program. Exceptions may be made if desired analytical support services are not available from a commercial laboratory that is a successful participant in the quality recognition program.

(4) The quality recognition program shall determine whether the quality of analytical data is maintained through quality systems in which staff responsibilities and operational procedures are defined, documented, and subjected to an internal assessment by the commercial laboratory itself on a regular basis, with timely corrective action taken by the commercial laboratory as needed. The quality systems shall include quality assurance policies and quality control procedures and shall be documented in a written plan.

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