



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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15 January 2013

Regulatory Division

Kimberly Wills
New England Bioassay
77 Bateson Drive
Manchester, Connecticut 06042

Dear Ms. Wills:

Thank you for submitting your updated Laboratory Quality Assurance Plan (LQAP), as required by the joint Corps of Engineers/EPA Regional Implementation Manual (RIM). Since May 6, 2006, all laboratories submitting test data to the New England District (NAE) in connection with the Corps of Engineers dredging program must have an LQAP on file at NAE that meets the requirements of the RIM. The RIM contains guidance for sampling, testing, and data reporting for dredged material disposal in New England waters.

We have reviewed your original LQAP and determined that it meets the requirements of the RIM for Biological Testing. Your company will be placed on the list of labs that have suitable LQAPs on file. This list will be found on our website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/Dredging/LabList2.pdf>.

Please remember to send Phillip Nimeskern updates to your LQAP as needed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Nimeskern at 978-318-8660 or at phillip.w.nimeskern@usace.army.mil. I have furnished a copy of this letter to Brian Balukonis, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., One Edgewater Drive, Norwood, MA 02062.

Sincerely,

Phillip W. Nimeskern
for Jennifer L. McCarthy
Chief, Regulatory Division
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers