

**VIRGINIA DIVISION OF CONSOLIDATED LABORATORY SERVICES (DCLS)  
VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (VELAP)**

**NOTICE CONCERNING CHANGE IN LABORATORY OWNERSHIP**

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VELAP has a responsibility to ensure the continued suitability for accreditation after a change in laboratory ownership.

This responsibility is described in 1VAC30-46-90 C as follows:

- 2. Accreditation may be transferred when the legal status or ownership of an accredited laboratory changes as long as the transfer does not affect the laboratory's personnel, equipment, or organization.*
- 3. If the laboratory's personnel, equipment, or organization are affected by the change of legal status or ownership, DCLS may require reaccreditation or reapplication in any or all of the categories for which the laboratory is accredited.*
- 4. DCLS may require an on-site assessment depending on the nature of the change of legal status or ownership. DCLS shall determine the elements of any on-site assessment required.*

If VELAP determines that a change in ownership has affected the laboratory's personnel, equipment or organization, the accreditation may not be "transferred" without VELAP's evaluation of the laboratory for accreditation under its new ownership.

VELAP will determine the manner by which reaccreditation or reapplication will be performed or evaluated, including but not limited to:

- Specific record(s) requests;
- Periodic data package(s) requests;
- On-site assessment of one or more areas of accreditation; and/or
- Proficiency testing conducted under the new ownership.

The laboratory is responsible for demonstrating its continual compliance with 1VAC30-46 and the associated TNI Standard under new ownership through the period of ownership transfer and following. VELAP will continue to monitor the impact of changes in ownership for the first year after the change and may initiate reaccreditation or reapplication requirements at any time during the first year after ownership transfer if there is concern regarding negative impacts to the laboratory's operation by the change in ownership.