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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

March 02, 2026

Dr. Latrice Babin
Harris County Pollution Control Services Department
101 South Richey Street, Suite H
Pasadena, TX 77506

Subject: Texas NELAP accreditation renewal with PT issues

Dear Dr. Babin:

I am pleased to advise you the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is renewing your laboratory's NELAP accreditation. The accreditation is valid for one year, contingent on continued compliance with the standards for accreditation and requirements of the state of Texas.

Under authority granted in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §25.32(a) (3), however, the Executive Director is also denying the laboratory's application to renew the following fields of accreditation because the laboratory did not successfully analyze and report results for the following types of proficiency test samples:

Matrix	Method	Analyte
Non-Potable Water	EPA 200.7	Silver

According to 30 TAC § 25.32(e) (1), *Harris County Pollution Control Services Department* must wait a minimum of six months before reapplying for accreditation.

Alternatively, you may, in accordance with 30 TAC § 50.139, file a **Motion to Overturn the Executive Director's Decision** with the chief clerk. A Motion to Overturn the Executive Director's Decision is a request for the commission to review the TCEQ ED's denial of your application. Any motion must explain why the commission should review the ED's action. According to 30 TAC § 50.139, an action by the ED is not affected by a motion to overturn filed under this section unless expressly ordered by the commission.

A Motion to Overturn the Executive Director's Decision must be received by the chief clerk no more than 23 days after the date of this letter. An original and 7 copies of the motion must be filed with the chief clerk in person, or by mail to the chief clerk at: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

If a motion to overturn is not acted on by the commission within 45 days after the date of this letter, then the motion shall be deemed overruled.

You may also request **judicial review** of the ED's denial of your application. According to Texas Water Code § 5.351, a person affected by the ED's decision must file a petition appealing the ED's decision in Travis County district court within 30 days after the effective date of the ED's decision. If you request judicial review, you must also exhaust your administrative remedy which includes filing a Motion to Overturn the Executive Director's Decision in accordance with the previous paragraphs.

You may seek further information by calling the TCEQ's Public Education Program at 1-800-687-4040.

In the meantime, please contact Mr. Frank Jamison at frank.jamison@tceq.texas.gov if we can provide any additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Jody Koehler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

D. Jody Koehler, M.S.
Manager, Laboratory & Quality Assurance Section

Enclosures



Texas Commission on
Environmental Quality

Certificate of Accreditation



Accreditation is hereby granted to

Harris County Pollution Control Services Department
101 South Richey Street, Suite H,
Pasadena, TX 77506

State Lab ID: T104704251
Effective Date: 03/01/2026
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027
Certificate ID: TX-C26-00057

Conditions of Accreditation

This laboratory has been found to conform with TCEQ rules and applicable standards for laboratory accreditation. The scope of accreditation is limited to the Fields of Accreditation (FoA) specifically listed on the subsequent page(s) of this certificate. Accreditation is for NELAP Standards EL-V1-2016 and EL-V2-2016 and all versions of a method approved per 40 CFR 136, 40 CFR 141 and/or 40 CFR 143. Continued accreditation requires ongoing compliance with all applicable standards and requirements.

Note: For the attached FoA table, matrices may include DW (drinking water), NPW (non-potable water), S (solid and chemical materials), A (air), and/or BT (biological tissue).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Keel".

Issued By: Kelly Keel, Executive Director Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Date Issued: 03/01/2026

Laboratory Fields of Accreditation

Matrix	Method	Analyte	Analyte Code	AB
A	EPA TO-15	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	5160	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	5110	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane (Freon 113)	5185	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5165	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,1-Dichloroethane	4630	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,1-Dichloroethylene	4640	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	5155	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	5210	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,2-Dibromoethane (EDB, Ethylene dibromide)	4585	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,2-Dichloro-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane (Freon 114)	4695	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,2-Dichlorobenzene (o-Dichlorobenzene)	4610	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,2-Dichloroethane (Ethylene dichloride)	4635	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,2-Dichloropropane	4655	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	5215	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,3-Butadiene	9318	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,3-Dichlorobenzene (m-Dichlorobenzene)	4615	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,4-Dichlorobenzene (p-Dichlorobenzene)	4620	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1,4-Dioxane (1,4- Diethyleneoxide)	4735	TX
A	EPA TO-15	1-Butene	4917	TX
A	EPA TO-15	2-Butanone (Methyl ethyl ketone, MEK)	4410	TX
A	EPA TO-15	2-methylpropane (Isobutane)	4942	TX
A	EPA TO-15	4-Ethyltoluene	4542	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Acetylene	4323	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Benzene	4375	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Benzyl chloride	5635	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Bromodichloromethane	4395	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Bromoform	4400	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Carbon tetrachloride	4455	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Chlorobenzene	4475	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Chlorodibromomethane	4575	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Chloroethane (Ethyl chloride)	4485	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Chloroform	4505	TX
A	EPA TO-15	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	4645	TX

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A	EPA TO-15	cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	4680	TX
A	EPA TO-15	cis-2-Butene	4602	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Cyclohexane	4555	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Dichlorodifluoromethane (Freon-12)	4625	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Ethane	4747	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Ethylbenzene	4765	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Hexachlorobutadiene	4835	TX
A	EPA TO-15	m+p-xylene	5240	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Methyl bromide (Bromomethane)	4950	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Methyl chloride (Chloromethane)	4960	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Methyl isobutyl ketone (Hexone)	4985	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Methyl methacrylate	4990	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)	5000	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Methylene chloride (Dichloromethane)	4975	TX
A	EPA TO-15	n-Butane	5007	TX
A	EPA TO-15	n-Heptane	4825	TX
A	EPA TO-15	n-Hexane	4855	TX
A	EPA TO-15	n-Propane	5029	TX
A	EPA TO-15	o-Xylene	5250	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Propene	4836	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Styrene	5100	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Tetrachloroethylene (Perchloroethylene)	5115	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Toluene	5140	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Total Xylene	5260	TX
A	EPA TO-15	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	4700	TX
A	EPA TO-15	trans-1,3-Dichloropropylene	4685	TX
A	EPA TO-15	trans-2-Butene	4607	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Trichloroethene (Trichloroethylene)	5170	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Trichlorofluoromethane (Fluorotrichloromethane, Freon 11)	5175	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Vinyl acetate	5225	TX
A	EPA TO-15	Vinyl chloride (Chloroethene)	5235	TX
NPW	ASTM D6503	Enterococci	2520	TX
NPW	Colilert	Escherichia coli (E. coli)	2525	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Aluminum	1000	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Antimony	1005	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Arsenic	1010	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Barium	1015	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Beryllium	1020	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Cadmium	1030	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Chromium	1040	TX

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NPW	EPA 200.7	Copper	1055	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Iron	1070	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Lead	1075	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Manganese	1090	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Molybdenum	1100	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Nickel	1105	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Selenium	1140	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Thallium	1165	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Titanium	1180	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Vanadium	1185	TX
NPW	EPA 200.7	Zinc	1190	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	5105	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	5160	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	5110	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5165	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,1-Dichloroethane	4630	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,1-Dichloroethylene	4640	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	5150	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,2,3-Trichloropropane	5180	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	5155	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	5210	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)	4570	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,2-Dibromoethane (EDB, Ethylene dibromide)	4585	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,2-Dichlorobenzene (o-Dichlorobenzene)	4610	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,2-Dichloroethane (Ethylene dichloride)	4635	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,2-Dichloropropane	4655	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	5215	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,3-Dichlorobenzene (m-Dichlorobenzene)	4615	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	1,4-Dichlorobenzene (p-Dichlorobenzene)	4620	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	2-Butanone (Methyl ethyl ketone, MEK)	4410	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	2-Hexanone	4860	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	4-Methyl-2-pentanone (MIBK)	4995	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Acetone	4315	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Acrylonitrile	4340	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Benzene	4375	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Bromodichloromethane	4395	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Bromoform	4400	TX

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NPW	EPA 8260	Carbon disulfide	4450	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Carbon tetrachloride	4455	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Chlorobenzene	4475	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Chlorodibromomethane	4575	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Chloroethane (Ethyl chloride)	4485	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Chloroform	4505	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	4645	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	4680	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Ethylbenzene	4765	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	m+p-xylene	5240	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Methyl acetate	4940	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Methyl bromide (Bromomethane)	4950	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Methyl chloride (Chloromethane)	4960	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)	5000	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Methylcyclohexane	4965	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Methylene chloride (Dichloromethane)	4975	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Naphthalene	5005	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	o-Xylene	5250	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Styrene	5100	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Tetrachloroethylene (Perchloroethylene)	5115	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Toluene	5140	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Total Xylene	5260	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	4700	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	trans-1,3-Dichloropropylene	4685	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Trichloroethene (Trichloroethylene)	5170	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Trichlorofluoromethane (Fluorotrichloromethane, Freon 11)	5175	TX
NPW	EPA 8260	Vinyl chloride (Chloroethene)	5235	TX
NPW	SM 2540 C	Residue-filterable (TDS)	1955	TX
NPW	SM 2540 D	Residue-nonfilterable (TSS)	1960	TX
NPW	SM 4500-H+ B	pH	1900	TX
NPW	SM 4500-NH3 D	Ammonia as N	1515	TX
NPW	SM 4500-NO3 ⁻ F	Nitrate plus Nitrite as N	1820	TX
NPW	SM 4500-P E	Orthophosphate as P	1870	TX
NPW	SM 4500-P E	Total Phosphorus	1910	TX
NPW	SM 5210 B	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	1530	TX
NPW	SM 5210 B	Carbonaceous BOD (CBOD)	1555	TX
NPW	SM 5220 D	Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	1565	TX
NPW	SM 5310 B	Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	2040	TX
NPW	TNRCC 1005	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH)	2050	TX
S	EPA 6010	Aluminum	1000	TX

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S	EPA 6010	Arsenic	1010	TX
S	EPA 6010	Barium	1015	TX
S	EPA 6010	Beryllium	1020	TX
S	EPA 6010	Cadmium	1030	TX
S	EPA 6010	Chromium	1040	TX
S	EPA 6010	Cobalt	1050	TX
S	EPA 6010	Copper	1055	TX
S	EPA 6010	Iron	1070	TX
S	EPA 6010	Lead	1075	TX
S	EPA 6010	Manganese	1090	TX
S	EPA 6010	Molybdenum	1100	TX
S	EPA 6010	Nickel	1105	TX
S	EPA 6010	Selenium	1140	TX
S	EPA 6010	Silver	1150	TX
S	EPA 6010	Thallium	1165	TX
S	EPA 6010	Titanium	1180	TX
S	EPA 6010	Vanadium	1185	TX
S	EPA 6010	Zinc	1190	TX
S	TNRCC 1005	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH)	2050	TX