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Question: What is the TNI Standard and which version does ORELAP use to assess laboratories?

Answer: The TNI Standard is a document outlining requirements for accreditation of environmental laboratories. It was developed by The NELAC Institute (TNI), a non-profit consensus standard development body with a goal of creating a national accreditation program for environmental laboratories. ORELAP is one of several state accreditation bodies involved in the development of standards for environmental laboratory accreditation.

ORELAP uses the TNI Standard to evaluate a laboratory's ability to generate data of known and documented quality. ORELAP will not accredit a laboratory that does not comply with the TNI Standard.

As of January 1, 2021, ORELAP uses the 2016 TNI Standard to assess laboratories. A copy of the 2016 TNI Standard can be purchased at http://nelac-institute.org/content/CSDP/standards.php?ap3=1_2.