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30 + YEARS

On December 31, 2009 Billy Grace retired from Eastex Environmental Laboratory. He had been with the lab since we opened our doors 23 years ago and has been in this business for 30+ years. He plans to travel extensively and enjoy life. We want to wish him good luck and safe happy travels.



F.Y.I. Taking on the Equipment Manager duties for Eastex will be Robert Stanton. He will be keeping our meters and equipment used in the field and lab up to standards and calibrated

AA Lab News

The AA Lab has some very exciting news. We have recently purchased and installed an ICP instrument that is able to read all metals simultaneously, with the exception of Mercury. This greatly reduces the turn around time and the waste. Since the instrument is so proficient, we no longer require large amounts of sample. We are able to reduce this to a 500 ml bottle for effluent samples and 250 ml bottle for influent samples. Mercury samples will still be read using our cold vapor method, and all of our other methods are still available if needed. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Michele Jenkins



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Sludge Reporting

The 2009-2010 sludge reporting period will end July 31, 2010. Please take a few minutes to verify how your sludge is being processed and review your permit for the procedure(s) you have to remove sludge from your facility. The TCEQ no longer allows us to analyze belt press or drying bed cake samples for (SOUR). The last sentence in this option states; "This test is only applicable to a liquid aerobic biosolids withdrawn from an aerobic process." We would appreciate your response regarding the sludge disposal practices at your facility. All calls should be directed to Rocky Sewell, at 1-800-525-0508.

MEET OUR STAFF

- President:** Pam Hickman
- Technical Director:** James Johnson
- Office Manager:** Susan Daniels
- Finance Mgr./Payroll:** Helen Phillips
- Executive Secretary:** Anderia Freed
- Head Lab Tech:** Chris Wirzberg
- QA/QC:** Daniel Bowen
- AA Lab:** Michele Jenkins
- Total Lab:** Kathy Pifer
- Sample Custodian:** Kay Cunningham
- Equipment Specialist:** Robert Stanton
- Special Projects:** Rocky Sewell & Mark Bourgeois
- Data entry:** Emily Tyson
- Field /Lab Technicians:** David Bates, Deborah Burkhalter, Grace Daniels, Becky Doucet, LaDonna Fairecloth, Wendy Kelley, Dale Landrum, Steven Pifer, Brian Sewell, Cassie Thomas & Sam Tyson
- Office Assistant:** Sheena Cranford



Call Susan and set up an account to view results online with Sample Master Result Point. It's as easy as going to www.eastexlabs.com and clicking on Customer Login, access to your results, in real time.



Sample Preservative

As part of the Eastex quality system we are required to check the extent of acid preserved samples before analysis. The most common analysis for this is ammonia which requires lowering to a pH of 2 or less with Sulfuric. Please spot check your preserved samples for pH to ensure that enough acid is being added. We routinely see samples lowered to around a four which shows that some acid was being added but not quite enough. Feel free to ask one of our field technicians to spot check your sample or call Daniel at the lab for any questions you may have on this.



Due to time constraints on the BOD5 test, please know that when you reschedule your sample day, your reports are less likely to be carried to you the following week.

Good To Know

When paying your invoice, please reference your customer ID.

