

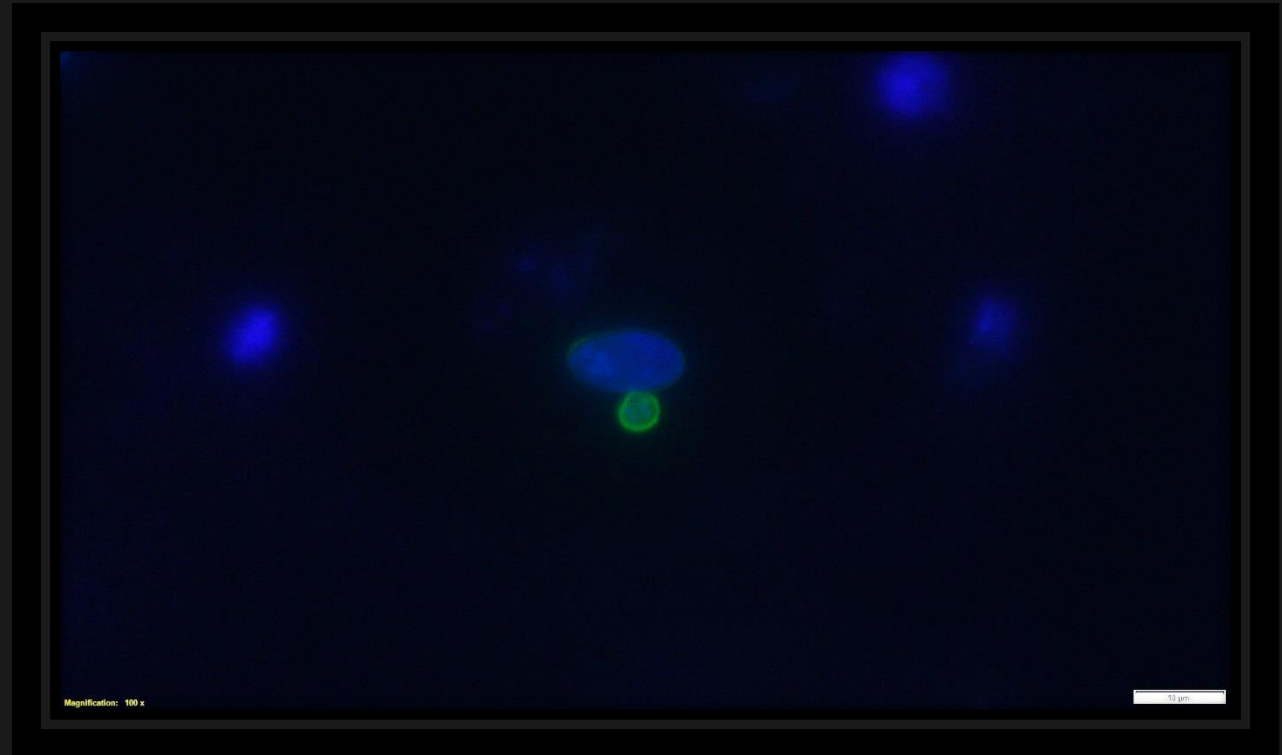
# So You Want To Be A Lab Rat?

## Foundations of Analytical Competency and Laboratory Accreditation

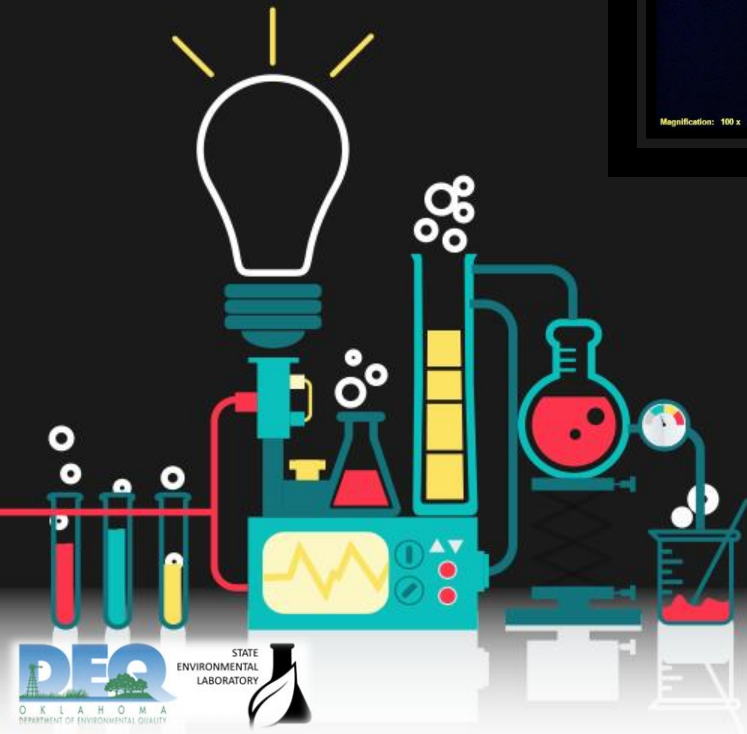
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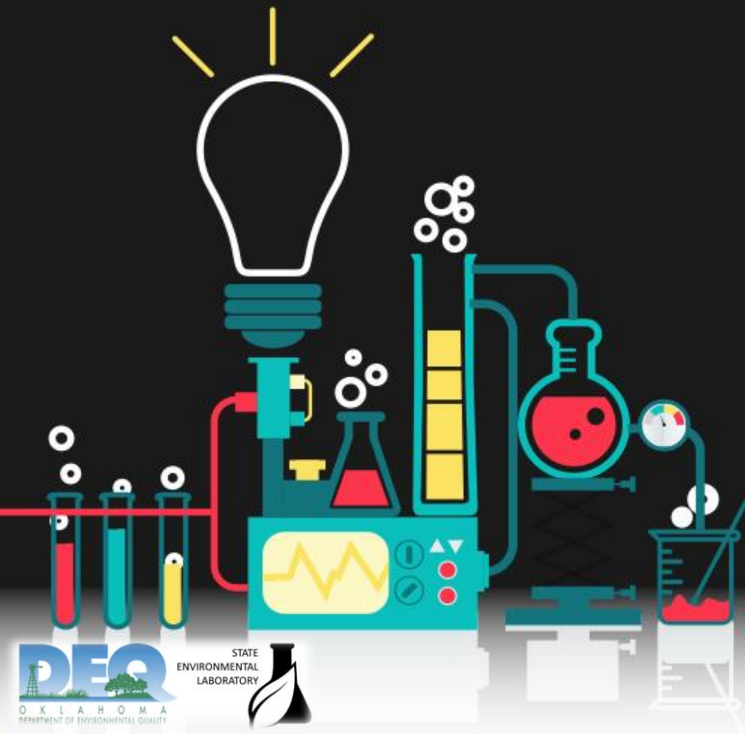


## *Cryptosporidium & Giardia*



## STEP 1: RESEARCH

- Locate list of approved methodologies
- Determine certification/accreditation requirements
- Evaluate method performance criteria for best fit
- Establish specifications and vendors for raw materials
- Locate potential training opportunities
- Identify customer needs and other stakeholders
- Contact laboratories or individuals that have experience with the method
- Examine any legal or jurisdictional issues
- Identify any safety concerns

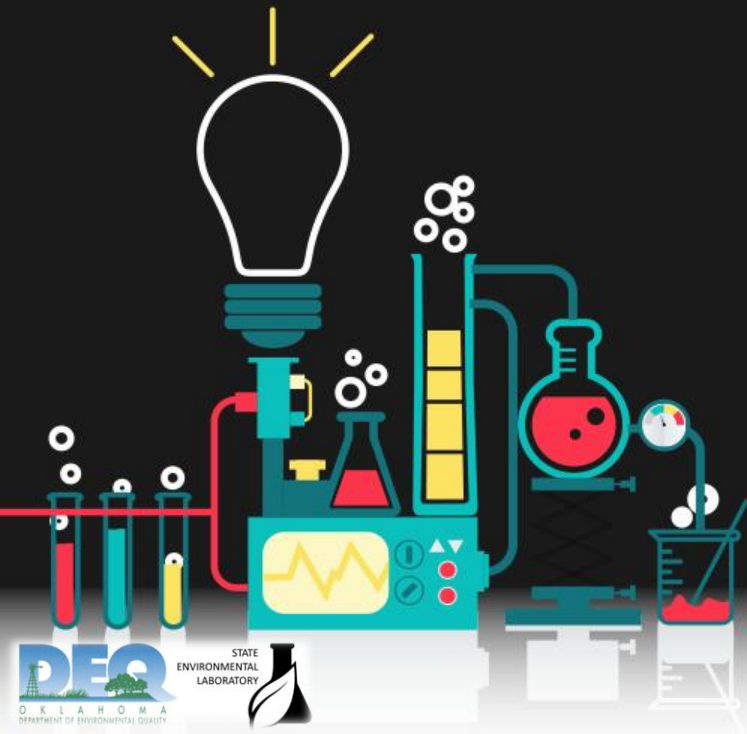


## STEP 2: LAB CAPACITY ASSESSMENT

- Equipment & Instrumentation?
- Staffing?
- Expertise?
- Availability of Consumables?
- Workload?
- Infrastructure?
- Quality System implications?
- Impact on LIMS?

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(Time & Cost Estimate)

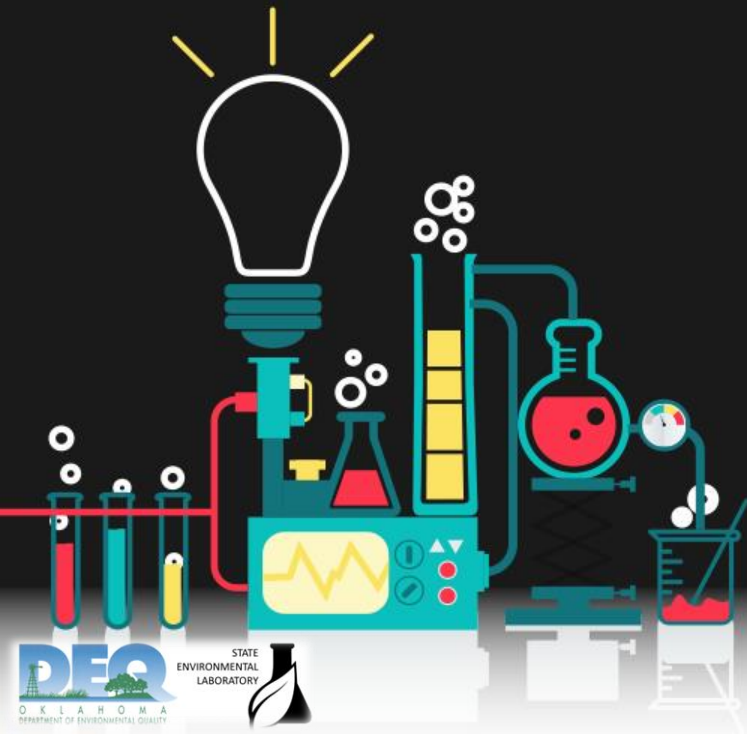


## STEP 3: SECURE AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING



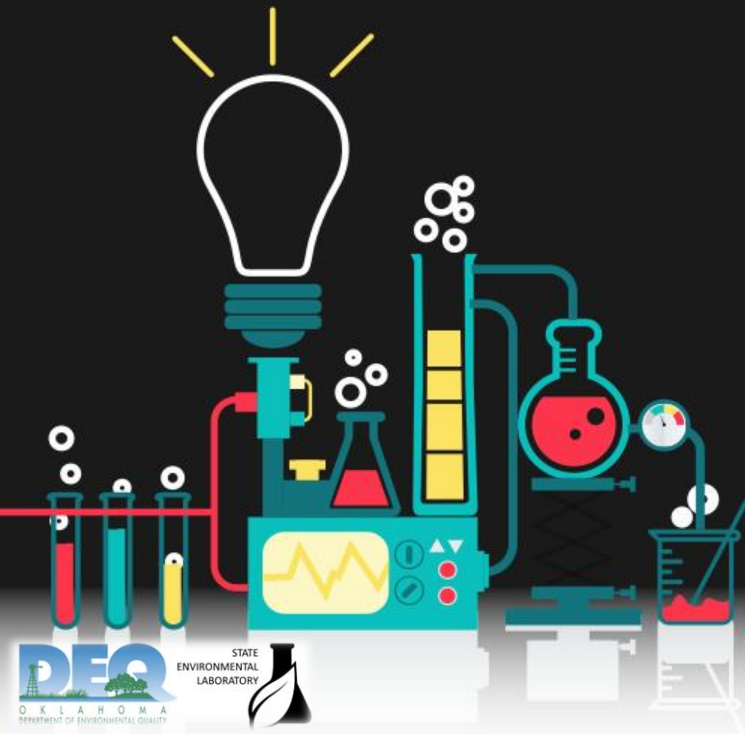
## STEP 4: RESOURCE AND RAW MATERIAL ACQUISITION

- Instrumentation & Equipment
- Standard Reference Material
- Consumables
- Training
- Infrastructure
- Procurement Challenges



## STEP 5: METHOD DEVELOPMENT

- Validate instrumentation/equipment
- Ensure traceability of all materials
- Define data quality objectives for the method
  - Analytes of interest
  - Detection & quantitation limits
  - Type, concentration, and frequency of QC samples
- Training
- Contingencies
- Experimentation with **documentation**
- More experimentation with **documentation**
- Even more experimentation with **documentation**
- Draft SOPs with supporting **documents**



## STEP 6: METHOD VALIDATION

Identity

Specificity

Sensitivity

Range

Reproducibility

Robustness

Finalize the Standard Operating Procedures

Establish Fee

- SOP
- Instrument Calibration

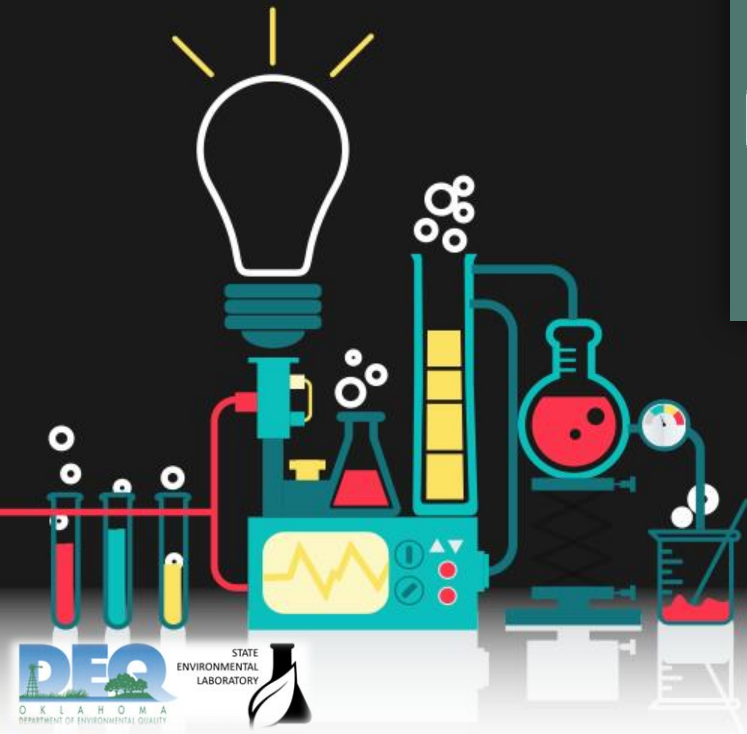
## STEP 7: ANALYTICAL COMPETENCY

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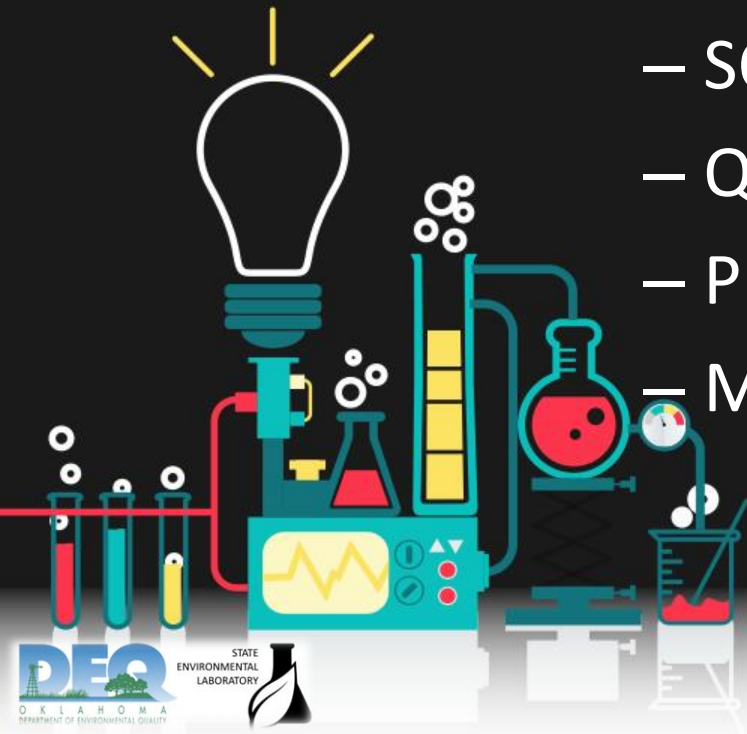
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SCIENCE

- Ethics
- Safety



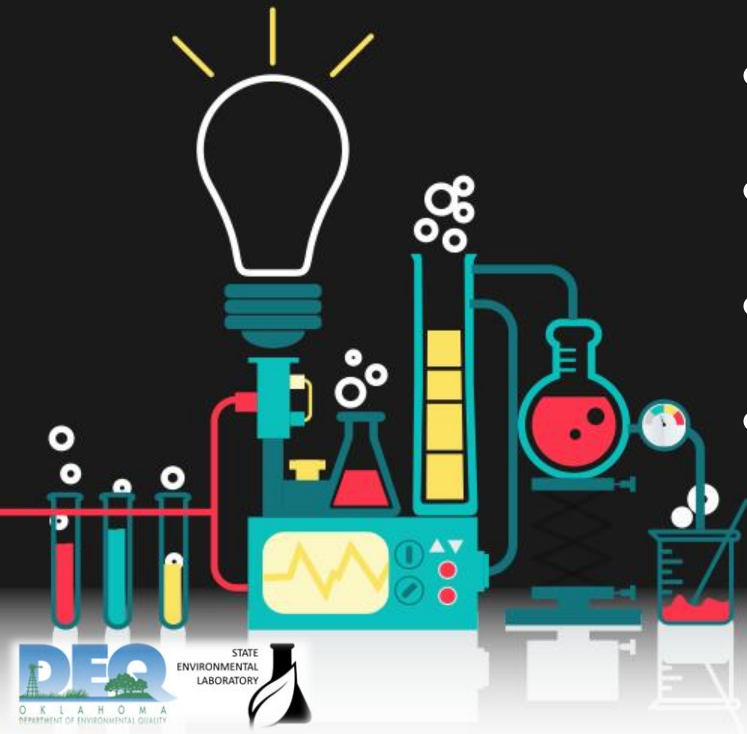
## Step 8: Certification/Accreditation

- Application to Accrediting Authority
  - Quality Manual
  - Personnel Qualifications
  - Analytical Competency
  - SOP's
  - QC Control Charts
  - Proficiency Testing History
  - Maintenance Records



## STEP 9: ON SITE AUDIT

- Document Review
- Process Assessments
  - Analytical
  - Operational
  - Data Management
- Analyst interviews
- Practical Bench Audits
- Safety Protocols
- Records Management
- *Findings & Recommendations*
  - *Corrective Actions*



# Roadmap to Competency and Accreditation



## CRYPTOSPORIDIUM IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

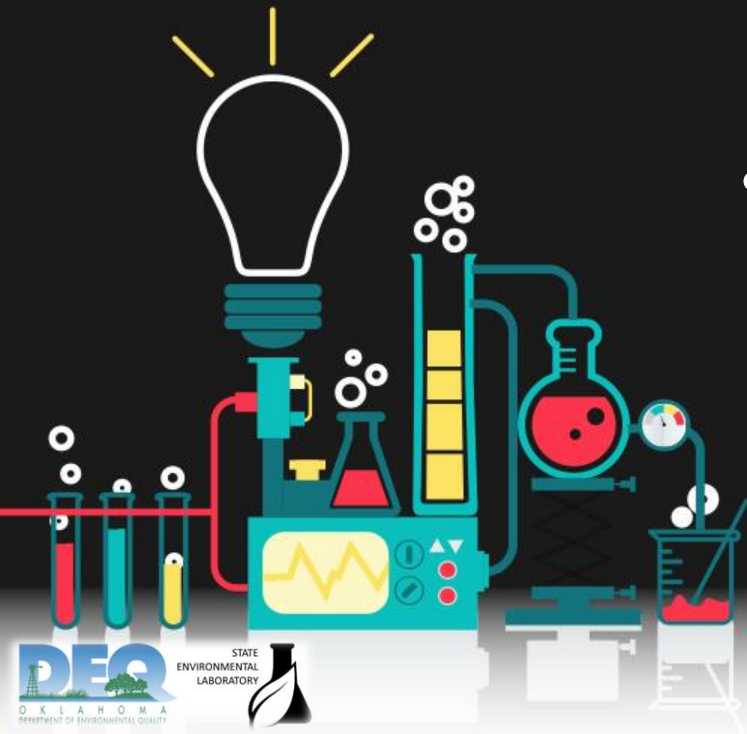
| Checklist Line Item                                                                                                                      | Length of Time to Accomplish | Accomplish by Date          | Status (include date completed if complete)                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| X Research method, determine to proceed with certification                                                                               |                              | Spring 2014                 | Completed ~ 3/19/14                                                                                                              |
| X Attain funding                                                                                                                         |                              | Spring 2014                 | Completed ~ 5/29/14                                                                                                              |
| X Research equipment/supply/workspace needs and prices                                                                                   | 2 months                     | Spring-Summer 2014          | Completed                                                                                                                        |
| X Order supplies, equipment, casement etc.                                                                                               | 3 months                     | Spring-Summer 2014          | Completed, need to order enough reagents/supplies to get through entire certification process                                    |
| X Research proficiency tests available for method                                                                                        |                              | Spring 2014                 | Completed                                                                                                                        |
| X Complete fee worksheet for test                                                                                                        | 1 month                      | Summer 2014                 | Completed 4/16/15                                                                                                                |
| X Order casement                                                                                                                         |                              | Summer 2014                 | Completed                                                                                                                        |
| X Install casement                                                                                                                       | 1 month                      | Summer 2014                 | Completed 9/2014                                                                                                                 |
| X Install dark room walls                                                                                                                |                              | Spring 2015                 | OCI installed 1/29/2015                                                                                                          |
| I Determine QS needs for LW                                                                                                              | 1 month                      | Winter 2014/Spring 2015     | Waiting to add to LabWare until there is a better understanding of reporting requirements.                                       |
| I Choose an accrediting body                                                                                                             |                              | Winter 2014/Spring 2015     | Have a list of ABs                                                                                                               |
| X Determine QS needs for Micro technical                                                                                                 |                              | Winter 2014/Spring 2015     | In progress, implementing receipt logs, TNI / 2nd supplement requirements. Over 50 supporting documents completed as of 6/22/15  |
| X Research and secure hands-on analytical training                                                                                       |                              | Winter 2014/Spring 2015     | Training occurred in-house week of 3/16/15 and at EPA week of 3/23/15                                                            |
| X Set up work areas, install equipment                                                                                                   | 2-3 months                   | Spring 2015                 | Completed week of 3/9/15. New casement being ordered.                                                                            |
| X Hands on analytical training (from an outside source)                                                                                  | 1-2 weeks                    | Spring 2015                 | Completed 3/16-3/20/15                                                                                                           |
| X Hands on sampling training                                                                                                             |                              | Fall/Winter 2014            | Completed 3/16-3/20/15                                                                                                           |
| X Write SOP                                                                                                                              |                              | Winter 2014/Spring 2015     | Draft Completed by JET/LRS. Working on instrument maintenance and other associated WIDS. SOP completed 6/22/15 by JEG/CRD        |
| X Add test batch to LabWare for practice samples                                                                                         | 2 weeks                      | Summer 2015                 |                                                                                                                                  |
| X Decide what supplies we will provide to our customers/collection details, Determine from what PWSs to attain samples for certification |                              | Spring 2015                 | Meeting 1/30/15                                                                                                                  |
| X Coordinate w/WQD for scheduling and compliance                                                                                         |                              | Fall 2014                   | WG meeting 12/12/14. LT2 schedule here                                                                                           |
| I Run samples required for certification                                                                                                 |                              | Summer 2015-Summer 2016     | IDC Samples completed. Ongoing through process                                                                                   |
| I Gather and review all data and determine trends/recoveries/etc. per matrix                                                             |                              | Summer 2015-Summer 2016     | Ongoing through process                                                                                                          |
| I Run PT samples required for certification                                                                                              | 1 year                       | Fall 2015, then Spring 2016 | Cryptosporidium Proficiency Testing Program   Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene<br>In process of enrolling for Fall PT event |
| Develop LW V7 for TNI approved Crypto testing/reporting                                                                                  |                              | Fall 2015                   |                                                                                                                                  |
| Develop fact sheet and flyers for advertising                                                                                            |                              | Spring 2016                 |                                                                                                                                  |
| Audit/certification                                                                                                                      |                              | Summer 2016                 |                                                                                                                                  |
| Begin testing                                                                                                                            |                              | Fall/Winter 2016            |                                                                                                                                  |

# Timeline



## AND THEN... MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY ACCREDITATION (page 1)

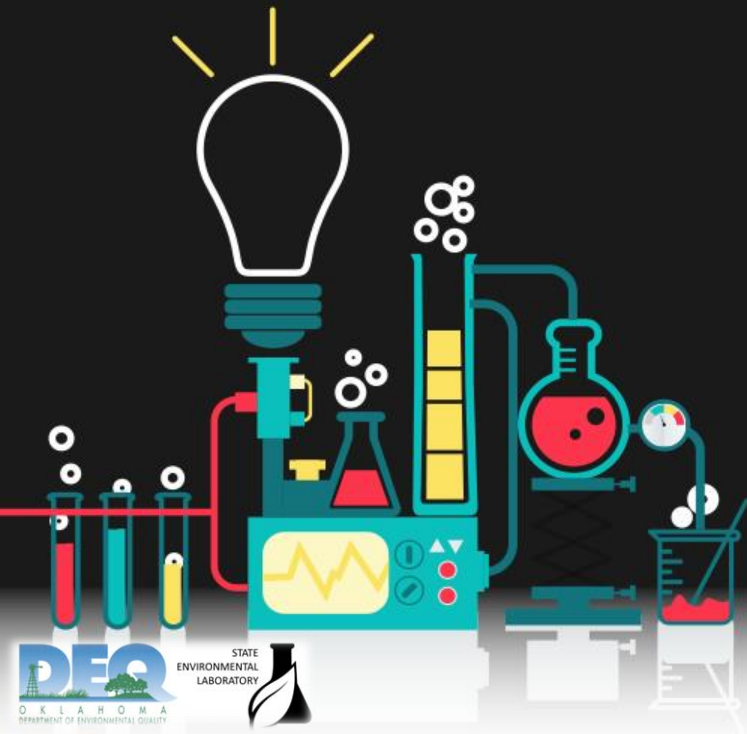
- **Every 2 Years**
  - On site audit
- **Annually**
  - QAP
  - Internal Audits
  - SOP Revisions
  - Strategic Planning (PIPs)
  - Ethics Training
- **Every 6 Months**
  - Detection Limit Studies
  - PTs
  - EPA Compendium Update



# MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY ACCREDITATION

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- **Monthly**
  - Trend Analysis
  - QA Performance Reporting
- **Daily**
  - Method Performance Verifications
  - QC Tracking and Charting
  - Equipment Verification
  - Instrument Maintenance
  - Data Management



# Questions?

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