



Anti-Trust Statement

OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ANTI-TRUST LAWS Legal Limitations on Discussions at OELA Meetings

It is the desire of OELA as a trade association and its members to operate and conduct business meetings in a manner that reflects both the spirit and the intent of Anti-Trust laws.

A free exchange of ideas and views on matters of mutual interest to representatives of the environmental laboratory industry including laboratories, regulatory authorities, laboratory clients and laboratory suppliers is essential to the successful operation of OELA.

It is not the purpose of this document to discourage the exploration of any matters of legitimate concern to meeting participants. Nevertheless, ignoring Anti-Trust ground rules, either through ignorance or otherwise, may create hazards that OELA members cannot afford.

The directors and members of OELA are reminded that they are required to comply with the spirit and specific requirements of the Anti-Trust laws on all activities within the scope of and related to official functions of the organization.

The general requirements of the Anti-Trust laws prohibit agreement to restrict trade between competitors. Among the specific prohibitions are included the following items:

“... discussing or agreeing to fix or regulate current or future prices of services, price lists or the conditions of terms of sale.”

“... discussing or agreeing to any procedures or process for coordinating price changes.”

“... discussing or agreeing to establish geographical trading areas, allocate markets or clients, or classify certain clients as being entitled to preferential treatment.”

“... discussing or agreeing to boycott any party or deny any party access to markets, services or publicly available information.”

“... participating in any plan designed to induce any vendor or laboratory to sell or refrain from selling or discriminate in favor or against any particular customer/client or class of customer/clients.”

Acknowledge and Agree:

Date:

Oregon Environmental Laboratory Association

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