

Laboratories Working Group Report

The aim of the Laboratories Working Group is to provide a focus for promoting laboratory services. To facilitate a group approach to identifying and resolving issues faced by laboratories. To be a forum for formulating unified industry responses to proposed changes in legislation and standards.

BSI Committee B/526/3

A new Working Group CEN/TC 341 WG6 had been established to review and redraft Standards CEN/ISO/TS 17892 Parts 1 to 12 with the purpose of converting them into Euronorms. John Masters has been appointed Convenor and R Brown and P Keeton appointed technical experts. A McKenzie was appointed as technical editor.

Standard Sampling Meeting:

The Laboratories Working Group and Contaminated Land Working Group identified that a guidance document was needed for sampling to ensure consistent methods had been used across the industry. The document would not be written as a BS and no funding had been offered by BSI.

The Sampling Group had met in January and agreed to reduce the size of the drafted document to twelve paragraphs, a flow chart and a table. The Group felt that a smaller more cohesive document would be more user friendly.

It was hoped that the document would be finished this year and published as an AGS document.

Laboratories and Associated Technical Activities (LATA) NVQ

Following the launch of the LATA NVQ in 2008, the enrolment of candidates has been slow. It is thought that the lack of enrolment has been caused by down turn in the economy and funding options are being explored.