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Dear Sample Submitters:

The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) is in the process of implementing a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) in its chemical water and environmental lead testing laboratories. The OpenELIS(OE) LIMS will provide the laboratory with improved sample management capability, improved data integrity, and reduced potential for human data entry error. In addition, the system will provide improved reporting capabilities, including a web portal that MSPHL submitters can use to view and print their own test results in real time.

Implementation Dates - On April 17th, 2017, the MSPHL plans to "go-live" with the new OE LIMS. Samples submitted after that date should be submitted on the new Chemical Water and/or Environmental Lead Test Request Form. Please discard or recycle all old forms at that time.

New Test Request Forms - The current forms are being replaced by fillable PDF forms located on the Laboratory's website: <http://health.mo.gov/lab/specimentestforms.php>. You may choose to save or photocopy for your records.

Web Portal for Result Reports - The OE LIMS provides a web portal that may be used to view and print test result reports. For information on how to gain access to this portal, please email your request to OpenElisWebportal@health.mo.gov. Requests can be made for access beginning April 10, 2017. Result reports will be available in PDF format the same day that testing is complete. You will no longer receive result reports through email. After receiving access to the web portal, you can add your email address to receive email notifications of when the result report is available to retrieve from the web portal.

The MSPHL understands there will be a lot of changes to a system that has been in place for many years. The MSPHL is excited about the added benefits from this new system, and we ask for your patience as we implement the OE LIMS at the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory.

If you have any questions, please contact the MSPHL Chemistry Unit at 573-751-3334.

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