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## Memorandum

To: TNI PT Providers

From: Aruna Kaveeshwar, A2LA Accreditation Officer

Regarding: PTOB Study Upload Website and Experimental FoPTs

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The A2LA PTOB database will continue to accept data with NELAC analyte codes that were on the experimental FoPT tables as of March 2, 2011. There will be some changes over time based on the Feb. 24, 2011 and March 9, 2011 memos issued by TNI on this topic as noted below:

1. Beginning March 31, 2011, the A2LA PTOB database entry system will no longer include the experimental FoPT tables on the list of active tables. PTPs will continue to need to identify the accreditation FoPT tables they are using. As is currently the case, the PTPs will only need to update their list of tables when they change to use of a new FoPT table in the future.
2. Until June 30, 2011, both accreditation and experimental analytes will be included when assessing compliance with section 6.3 of the 2009 TNI Standard Volume 3. Beginning July 1, 2011, only analytes included on active FoPT tables will be included in that assessment.
3. As experimental analytes are moved to the accreditation FoPT tables, they will be assessed against the criteria in the accreditation tables rather than the criteria from the rescinded experimental tables.
4. Until otherwise notified, the A2LA PTOB database will continue to accept all analytes that were included on the experimental FoPT tables as of March 2, 2011. These data will not be included in any study-specific assessments (except as noted in item 2 above), but will be stored for possible future use.