I. The discontinued USEPA EMSL-LV Performance Evaluation Program has been effectively replaced.

A. Environmental Resource Associates, a commercial provider of quality assurance standards and proficiency testing studies, has been NIST NVLAP accredited to provide proficiency testing services to support Water Supply Studies in Radiochemistry

B. Services are available in the following program codes:
   20/U49 USEPA WSRAD Gamma Emitters in Water
   20/U50 USEPA WSRAD Iodine –131 in Water
   20/U51 USEPA WSRAD Gross Alpha and Gross Beta in Water
   20/U52 USEPA WSRAD Tritium in Water
   20/U53 USEPA WSRAD Uranium-Radium in Water
   20/U54 USEPA WSRAD Strontium in Water
   20/U55 USEPA WSRAD Mixed Alpha, Beta, Gamma Emitters

II NIST NVLAP Certification process is discussed

A. Handbook 150 and 150-19

III Quick overview of the PT program is presented

A. USEPA Criteria Document (December 30, 1998) is discussed

B. Sample preparation and verification is discussed

C. Client Reports are presented

IV Three years of ERA RadCheM™ PT data are presented

V Data between ERA RadCheM™ program and EPA EMSL-LV program are compared

VI Trends, biases, and common problems are explored

VII Question and answer period is provided