# OELA Oregon Environmental Laboratory Association



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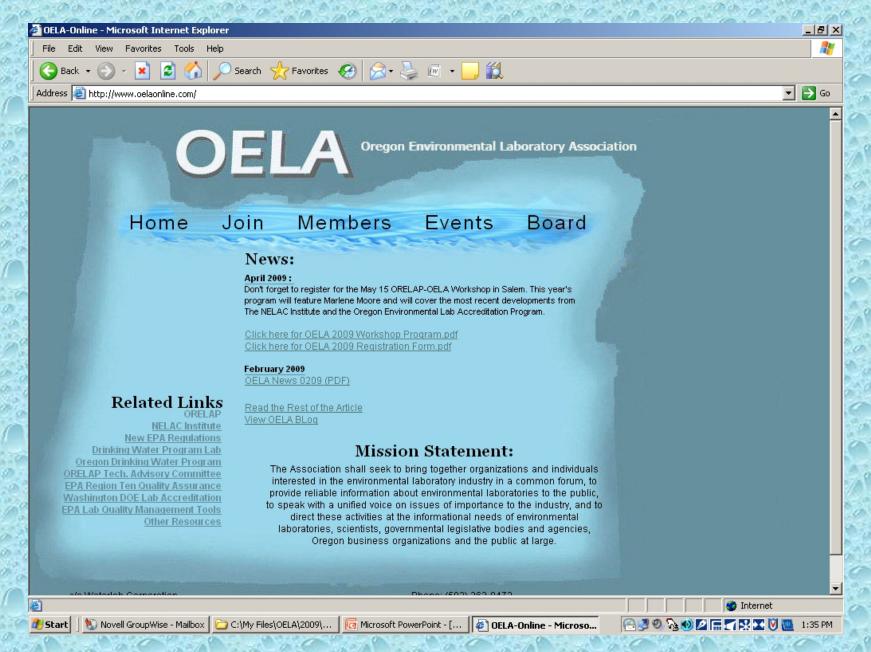


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The Association shall seek to bring together organizations and individuals interested in the environmental laboratory industry in a common forum, to provide reliable information about environmental laboratories to the public, to speak with a unified voice on issues of importance to the industry, and to direct these activities at the informational needs of environmental laboratories, scientists, governmental legislative bodies and agencies, Oregon business organizations and the public at large.

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## History

 Started in late1990's to help Oregon's EPA Drinking Water Certification Program provide training to DW Labs

 Also to support new <u>environmental</u> lab accreditation program: NELAP

 Members include OREGON municipal and commercial WW and DW laboratories

### **Executive Board**

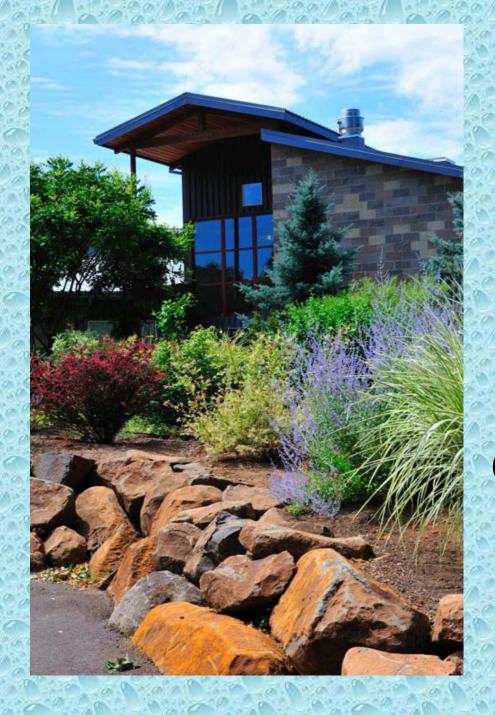
Keith Chapman	President	City of Salem Willow Lake Laboratory
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#### **OELA** Activities

- Membership on OTAC (Bill Michalek)
- Membership on DWAC (Beth Myers)
- Provide Training for labs (Ethics PPT)
- Participate in NELAC, NEFAP and TNI
- Participate on TNI Small Lab Advocate
   Group (SLAG)
- Annual Spring Workshop....

#### 2009 Annual May Workshop Program Overview

- Future of ORELAP: Dr. Michael Skeels, DHS
- TNI/ORELAP Update
- TNI Survey & Small Lab Outreach
- ORELAP Advisory Committee
- Electronic Reporting of DW data
- Quality Systems for Small Labs: Marlene Moore
- Ethics & Data Integrity Training: Dennis Wells
- Assessor Forum



#### 2010 Annual May Workshop

# The 2010 TNI Standard

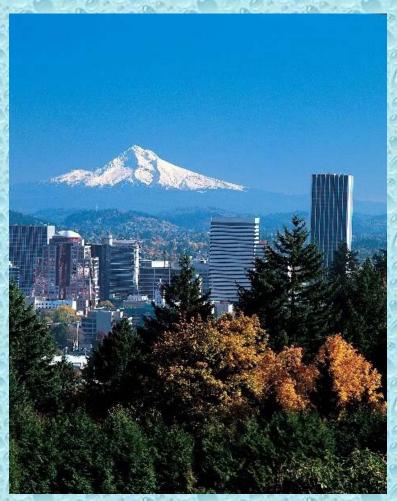
May 13, 2010
Salem, OR
Chemeketa College
Eola Center

### Goals/Challenges

- Promote expansion of accreditation program to wastewater laboratories
- Provide a voice for small laboratories at TNI
- Improve the situation for Oregon's commercial labs that are TNI accredited
- Promote better efficiency in ORELAP
- Expand membership, new exec board members
- Get TNI to hold a meeting in OREGON!!

## Oregon Accredited Laboratories

- 31 In-state labs
  - 12 Municipal Labs
  - 19 Commercial Labs
- 50 Out-of-state labs
  - 22 different states represented
    - 19 Primary Accreditations
  - 4 EPA Regional Labs
  - 8 TestAmerica Labs



# See you in Portland?

