

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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January 23, 2025

Lykourgos Iordanidis RJ Lee Group, Inc. - PA 350 Hochberg Road Monroeville, PA 15146

Dear Lykourgos Iordanidis:

Thank you for submitting your Initial application for reinstatement of accreditation in the WA Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program, after voluntarily withdrawing from our program

I am pleased to inform you that your laboratory has met our accreditation requirements for many of the requested parameters. The basis for this assessment included review of your Pennsylvania DEP and AIHA Scopes and Certificates, Quality Assurance manual, documents related to your on-site audit by the Pennsylvania DEP, and proficiency testing results. WA State Department of Ecology is issuing accreditation for the analyte/methods as listed in the enclosed Scope of Accreditation, effective 12/31/24. The enclosed certificate is valid proof of certification only when associated with its accompanying Scope of Accreditation.

Accreditation is based in part on third party recognition of the Lab's Pennsylvania DEP accreditation.

Accreditation is based in part on third party recognition of the Lab's AIHA accreditation.

WA ELAP accredits only for determinative methods. Because it is a preparation/extraction method, Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) by EPA method 1311\_0\_1992 in Solid and Chemical Materials and Non-Potable Water will not be listed in our scopes of accreditation.

The following requested parameters are Denied because they are not listed on the Lab's Pennsylvania DEP scope of accreditation and no PT was submitted:

- Lithium by EPA 200.7 4.4 1994 in Drinking Water
- Lithium by EPA 200.8\_5.4\_1994 in Drinking Water
- Nitrate + Nitrite as N by EPA 300.0\_2.1\_1993 in Drinking Water

All requested analytes by EPA 6010C\_(2/07) in Solid and Chemical Materials are Denied because it is an outdated method. Update your Pennsylvania DEP scope of accreditation to EPA 6010D\_(7/18) and submit acceptable PTs for the updated method.

WA ELAP does not accredit for the SW846 6000 series methods in the Non-Potable Water Category

All requested analytes by EPA 6020A\_(2/07) in Solid and Chemical are Denied because it is an outdated method. Update your Pennsylvania DEP scope of accreditation to EPA 6020B\_(7/14)

and submit acceptable PTs for the updated method. WA ELAP does not accredit for the SW846 6000 series methods in the Non-Potable Water Category

Mercury by EPA 7471A\_1\_1994 in Solid and Chemical Materials is Denied because it is an outdated method. Update your Pennsylvania DEP scope of accreditation to EPA 7471B\_(2/07) and submit acceptable PTs for the updated method.

All requested analytes by EPA 9056A\_(02/07) in Non-Potable Water are Denied because the method is not approved in 40CFR 136.3. WA ELAP only accredits for this method under the Solid and Chemical Materials matrix category.

Mercury by EPA 200.8\_5.4\_1994 in Non-Potable Water is Denied because the method is not approved in 40CFR 136.3.

Mercury by EPA 7470A\_1\_1994 in Non-Potable Water is Denied because no PT submitted citing this method.

# Please ensure that the laboratory's PTs report the full method revision as per your scope of accreditation. Your 2023 letter also stated this. Not citing the full method version could affect your accreditation status for those parameters in the future.

As a reminder, continued participation in the Ecology Lab Accreditation Program requires the lab to:

- Submit a renewal application and fees annually
- Report significant changes in facility, personnel, analytical methods, equipment, the lab's quality assurance (QA) manual or QA procedures as they occur
- Participate in proficiency testing studies semi-annually, with the following exception: For each parameter where all PT results were satisfactory, you are required to submit only one PT result over this next year, and in subsequent years, as long as the results are satisfactory.
- Submit copies of current third-party Scopes of Accreditation when they are available.

#### YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal Ecology's decision to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision letter. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

#### ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Street Addresses Mailing Addresses

Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503

**Pollution Control Hearings Board** 1111 Israel Road SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501 **Department of Ecology** Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608

**Pollution Control Hearings Board** PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

If you have any questions concerning the accreditation of your lab, please contact Andrea Allen at (360) 871-8832, fax (360) 871-8849, or by e-mail at <u>andrea.allen@ecy.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

please and

Rebecca Wood Lab Accreditation Unit Supervisor

RW:AA:aa Enclosures

## The State of Department



of Ecology

### RJ Lee Group, Inc. - PA Monroeville, PA

has complied with provisions set forth in Chapter 173-50 WAC and is hereby recognized by the Department of Ecology as an ACCREDITED LABORATORY for the analytical parameters listed on the accompanying Scope of Accreditation.

This certificate is effective December 31, 2024 and shall expire December 30, 2025.

Witnessed under my hand on January 23, 2025.

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Rebecca Wood Lab Accreditation Unit Supervisor

Laboratory ID C1011

### WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

#### SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

#### **RJ Lee Group, Inc. - PA**

#### Monroeville, PA

is accredited for the analytes listed below using the methods indicated. Full accreditation is granted unless stated otherwise in a note. EPA is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. SM is "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater." SM refers to EPA approved method versions. ASTM is the American Society for Testing and Materials. USGS is the U.S. Geological Survey. AOAC is the Association of Official Analytical Chemists. Other references are described in notes.

Matrix/Analyte	Method	Notes
Air		
Total Dust	NIOSH 0500	2
Respirable Dust	NIOSH 0600	2
Silica	NIOSH 7500	2
Drinking Water		
Asbestos	EPA 100.2_1994	1
Chloride	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Fluoride	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Vitrate as N	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Nitrite as N	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Drthophosphate as P	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Sulfate	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
urbidity	SM 2130 B-2011	1
Specific Conductance	SM 2510 B-2011	1
Solids, Total Dissolved	SM 2540 C-2015	1
Н	SM 4500-H+ B-2011	1
Aluminum	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Barium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Boron	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Calcium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Chromium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Copper	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
ron	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
<i>l</i> agnesium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
langanese	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
lickel	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Silver	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1

#### Washington State Department of Ecology Effective Date: 12/31/2024 Scope of Accreditation Report for RJ Lee Group, Inc. - PA C1011-24

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Matrix/Analyte	Method	Notes
Drinking Water		
Sodium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Zinc	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Aluminum	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Antimony	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Arsenic	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Barium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Beryllium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Boron	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Cadmium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Chromium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Copper	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
ead	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
<i>M</i> anganese	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
<i>Mercury</i>	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
lickel	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Selenium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Silver	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Thallium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Zinc	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
<i>N</i> ercury	EPA 245.1_3_1994	1
Non-Potable Water		
Bromide	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Chloride	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
luoride	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Nitrate as N	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Nitrite as N	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Drthophosphate as P	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Sulfate	EPA 300.0_2.1_1993	1
Furbidity	SM 2130 B-2011	1
Specific Conductance	SM 2510 B-2011	1
Solids, Total	SM 2540 B-2015	1
Solids, Total Dissolved	SM 2540 C-2015	1
Solids, Total Suspended	SM 2540 D-2015	1
Н	SM 4500-H+ B-2011	1
Aluminum	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Antimony	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Arsenic	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1

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Matrix/Analyte	Method	Notes
Non-Potable Water		
Barium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Beryllium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Boron	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Cadmium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Calcium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Chromium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Cobalt	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Copper	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
ron	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
ead	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
ithium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
<i>l</i> agnesium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
<i>N</i> anganese	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
<i>I</i> olybdenum	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
lickel	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Potassium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Selenium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Silver	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Sodium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Strontium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Thallium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
īn	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
ītanium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
/anadium	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
linc	EPA 200.7_4.4_1994	1
Aluminum	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Antimony	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Arsenic	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Barium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Beryllium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Boron	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Cadmium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Chromium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Cobalt	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Copper	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
ron	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
ead	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1

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Matrix/Analyte	Method	Notes
Non-Potable Water		
Lithium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Manganese	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Molybdenum	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Nickel	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Selenium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Silver	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Strontium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Thallium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Tin	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Titanium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
/anadium	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Zinc	EPA 200.8_5.4_1994	1
Mercury	EPA 245.1_3_1994	1
Solid and Chemical Materials		
Asbestos	EPA 600/R-93-116	1
рН	EPA 9045D_2002	1
Bromide	EPA 9056A_(02/07)	1
Chloride	EPA 9056A_(02/07)	1
Fluoride	EPA 9056A_(02/07)	1
Nitrate as N	EPA 9056A_(02/07)	1
Nitrite as N	EPA 9056A_(02/07)	1
Orthophosphate as P	EPA 9056A_(02/07)	1
Sulfate	EPA 9056A_(02/07)	1
Chromium, Hexavalent	EPA 7199_0_(12/96)	1

#### **Accredited Parameter Note Detail**

(1) Accreditation based in part on recognition of PA NELAP accreditation. (2) Accreditation based in part on recognition of AIHA accreditation.

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Authentication Signature Rebecca Wood, Lab Accreditation Unit Supervisor

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