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## XENCO Acquires Columbia Analytical Services in Arizona

XENCO is proud to announce the acquisition of its seventh laboratory facility effective May 1, 2010. The facility, previously owned by Columbia Analytical Services, is located at 3725 E. Atlanta Ave., and is a full-service facility. We have also acquired the Tucson Environmental Laboratory Operations with limited analytical capabilities for short holding time analysis. These acquisitions increase XENCO's ability to provide quality analytical support to projects in the West Coast and the southwest region of the country. The Phoenix laboratory holds the State of Arizona Department of Health Services licensure with a broad scope of environmental analyses and it has been awarded the ACIL Seal of Excellence by ACIL. The Phoenix Lab holds NELAP certification through the State of California and reciprocal Nevada, Texas and Utah NELAP Certifications, as well as the prestigious Department of Defense (DoD) Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP).

In addition to the full-service fixed-base laboratory, XENCO acquired three mobile laboratories (ADHS-licensed) which provide analyses of soil, vapor, and groundwater. The mobile laboratories can be quickly configured for rapid response situations or site investigations in support of real-estate transactions, remediation efforts, and emergency situations. Field capabilities range from hydrocarbon testing and metals screening by Energy Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence (EDXRF) to contaminant-specific organic analyses by GC and GC-MS, including chlorinated solvents, aromatic hydrocarbons, explosives, PCB and pesticide screening. Projects ranging from one day to months in duration for the private sector, mining projects, remedial investigations, land development and government entities have been successfully completed.

At XENCO we will continue to devote our efforts and dedication to provide cost effective, fixed-base and mobile laboratory analytical solutions. We will continue to adhere to a quality assurance/quality control program modeled after the EPA 16 point QA/R2 Manual which provides our clients with the assurance that XENCO is capable of generating legally defensible data to meet the client's data quality objectives (DQOs). XENCO is expanding the Scope of services of Phoenix, improving its turnaround, and adding Web access capabilities.

# ONLINE DATA UPDATES

If you have been a XENCO customer for over a decade, you may be able to locate your historical activity in DataLink from 1998, the year when this online service started, to the present. We are proud to present our new and improved DataLink. This internet-based service allows real-time access to analytical results. It allows tracking of samples throughout the laboratory from bottle orders to invoices, including sample login, analytical status, and customized EDDs in locked PDF reports. Through the use of state-of-the-art search capabilities, the customer can quickly retrieve results, sampling information, as well as the associated quality-control information. Your results can be filtered by date received, project ID, project or site name and client contact. Data can be viewed by Hits only or full Analyte list.

The DataLink also provides the added capability

to filter the data to display by Work Order, by Sample, by Method, or by analytes. Soon you will be able to compare your data against various Regulatory Programs across the country and to generate on-line quotes and bottle orders. DataLink will continue to provide access to your data for years to come and as far back as our data is available. DataLink has also been improved by the installation of two new communication servers to provide enhanced performance as well as additional reliability and speed. Clients can also access our Corporate Qualifications, i.e. QA Manual, SOQs, Certifications, Qualifications, etc. via DataLink. Please feel free to contact your XENCO project manager to assist you in setting up a secure password as well as provide additional training on the use of DataLink. Your suggestions for improvement are always welcome.

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**Work Orders History: Miami Lakes -- XFM -- XENCO Laboratories, C. Miami**

WO #	Project ID	Project Name	Location	Status	Rec'd	TAT	DUE	SMPs	More	REP	INV	EDD	REP Prel	EDD Prel
<u>0315</u> ---		Waste Disposal	Miami	60 Analysis Reported	04/23/10	5D	12/02/09	10	+		Inv	Edd		

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## Our safety program

In an ongoing endeavor to maximize employee safety and minimize work-related accidents and injuries, XENCO has made additions to its already extensive safety training program. The new additions include a series safety training videos. The topics covered range from the proper use of safety equipment to how to effectively read and use a Material Safety Data Sheet or MSDS. The MSDS is shipped with every chemical in the lab and will contain vital information about the chemical in question. The MSDS contain physical data such as melting and boiling point, toxicity, health effect, first aid for expose and what to do in case of a spill. All current and future employees will be required to attend a training session to view these videos and after watching them, will complete a short review test to ensure the subject material was understood. At Xenco, we strive to meet and exceed OSHA standards, to provide a safe and hazard-free workplace for our employees. A safety manager is appointed to every Lab and a committee that corresponds to 10% of the employees and minimum 3 and Maximum 10.

## DoD Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (DoD ELAP)

During 2009, the DoD Environmental Data Quality Workgroup (EDQW) was formed to consolidate the environmental operations of the various DoD departments (USACE, USACHPPM, NAVSEA, NAVFAC, AFCEE, AFIOH). This workgroup came to a consensus that unified the environmental laboratories' evaluation and approval process by utilizing NELAC and ISO 17025 standards. The evaluation and approval processes are outlined in the DoD Quality Systems Manual for Environmental Laboratories (QSM) version 4.1. The requirements for labs became effective October 1, 2009 and applies to all work performed for DoD operations, activities, and installations including Government-owned, contractor operated facilities and formerly-used defense sites.

With the implementation of the new QSM, the laboratories' approval process to perform DoD analyses was modified so that the laboratory must be active in the NELAP program and must be evaluated to meet the stringent requirements of the QSM by one of the DoD approved Accrediting Bodies (AB).

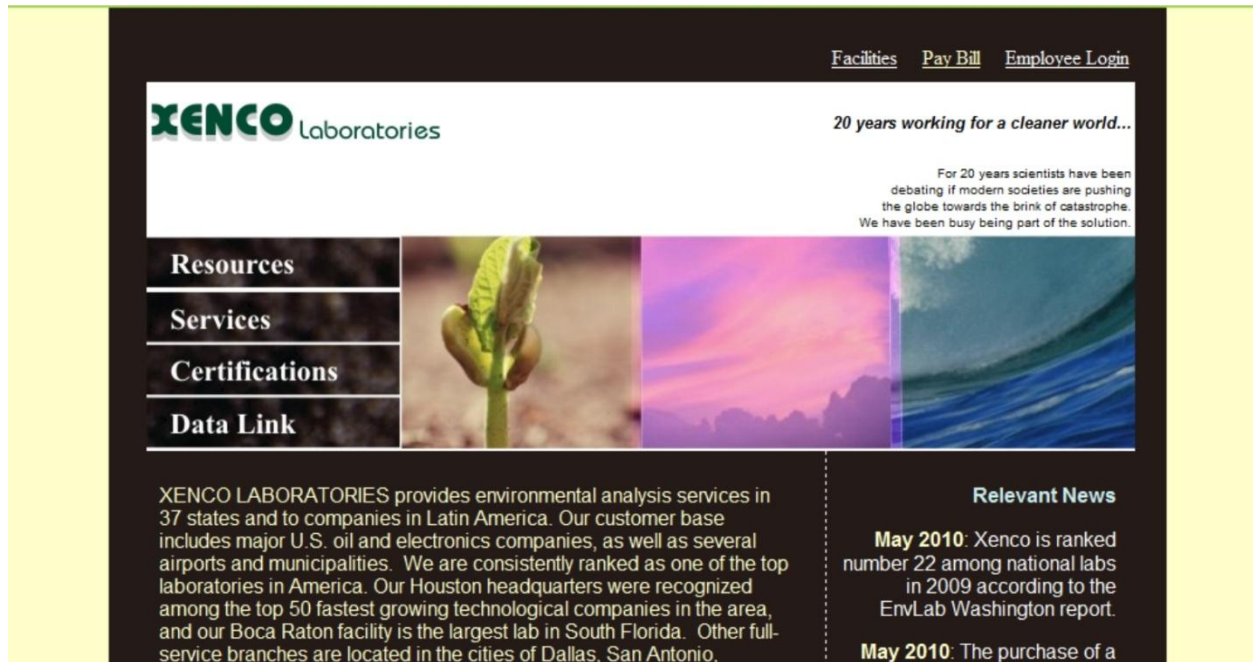
The ABs perform a complete review of a laboratory's quality systems, technical operations and documentation procedures to assure that the laboratory is compliant with all of the requirements of the QSM. The ABs may also evaluate and approve the laboratory to the international standards of ISO 17025.

In a continued effort to provide superior customer service to our clients, XENCO has made the necessary investments to assure QSM accreditation for two of our facilities. Our newly acquired facility in Phoenix, AZ has already achieved accreditation for a full list of analyses which include organic, inorganic and wet chemistry. Our Atlanta facility has also undertaken the efforts to achieve accreditation for an extensive list of analyses which also encompasses organic, inorganic and wet chemistry. XENCO's Atlanta facility has been evaluated by Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc and is pending accreditation approval for both DOD QSM and ISO 17025.



### **A moment in our history**

Jordan laboratories was acquired by Xenco in 2007 and it is believed to have existed since the early 1950s. It worked in collaboration with the EPA in developing some of the preliminary radiochemistry methods in the early 1970s.



## UPGRADED WEBSITE

A new version of our website will be launched in the next few days. In addition to several technical and aesthetical improvements, you are already enjoying substantial enhancements to your data access via our DataLink (see page 3 above). New upgrades to the website include a full-length news section, where you can learn about our organization and read excerpts of customer satisfaction. Moreover, you can pay your bills online by using VISA or Master Card. Just click on Pay Online in our website or type [xenco.com/pay.htm](http://xenco.com/pay.htm) in your web browser. Our accounting system requires that you first select the region of the country where the Lab that did the work is located: Central USA, East Coast or West Coast. For additional help, please contact your project manager or call out accounts receivable department at 210-509-3334.

Since our most valuable resource is our work force, we have also created a section devoted to employees where our staff can learn about XENCO's administrative policies, quality systems, and safety practices. The intranet is also used to share learning experiences, instrument trouble shooting tips, Job growth opportunities, and better and faster ways to service our clients. Coming soon to our Web site: Analytes and Methods data bank to search for the best method to get you the lowest MDL or PQL, in compliance with State Regulatory Requirements.