

## Welcome

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Winner of Northern Ontario Business of the Year 2009 (1 - 15 employees) Winner of Small Business of the Year 2008, North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce - Award sponsored by Canadore College and Nipissing University Founded in 1989, Near North Laboratories Inc. provides a variety of environmental services. The company specializes in the areas of microbiological and chemical analyses of drinking water and wastewater. Located in North Bay, Ontario, Near North Laboratories is one of the few independently owned and operated environmental testing facilities in Canada thus ensuring our clients of third party objectivity. Our services Our laboratory has over 19 years experience in assisting the commercial, consulting, governmental and private sectors in fulfilling the requirements of:

- Regulatory SDWA requirements including Regulation 170/03 and 318/08 & 319/08 (recently replacing Regulation 252/05)
  - Canadian Drinking Water Objectives
  - Sewage Effluent monitoring (to meet C-of-A requirements)
  - MISA
  - Site Decommissioning
  - Fish Habitat Assessment & Nutrient Impact
  - Environmental Effects and Source Ground Water Protection
  - In-house process monitoring
  - Indoor air quality assessments
  - Sterilizer Monitoring Program
- In our 3900 square foot facility, testing services include microbiological, physical chemical, inorganic chemical, and some organic chemical analyses. Staff can assist with project designs and R&D efforts such as bench top treatability studies. We have qualified and experienced technologists for on-site sampling and field monitoring programs if needed; some also hold the Ontario Ministry of Environment (MOE) Water Quality Analyst (WQA) certification. Professional field training and tailored course instructions are available to our clients to ensure credible analytical results. At a client's request, staff has provided maintenance and verification for some types of field equipment. Our surface and groundwater monitoring experience includes the sampling and analyses (including field testing) of monitoring wells of small to large-scale municipal landfills, commercial and industrial sites. Other field services include distribution sampling for water systems as well as surface water lake profiling. NNL field staff often work at the request and direction of engineering/consulting firms and waterworks operational staff. Services are provided in occupational hygiene sampling and air quality monitoring e.g. moulds, noxious fumes, particulates and odor parameters based on EPA's NIOSH and OSHA protocols. Our quality The company has developed an extensive Quality Management System and is accredited by the Canadian Association for Analytical Laboratories (CALA) under the ISO Standard 17025 (CAN-P-4E) for specific environmental analyses. The laboratory is also licenced by the MOE for specific drinking water analyses. Our people Our analysts are all experienced graduates from recognized environmental and science based laboratory programs and are personally trained on the principles of professional laboratory practices. Staff training includes internal and external updating in a broad range of areas such as statistics, instrumentation, sampling, quality systems and human resources. We continually endeavor to learn about the issues waterworks / industry face in order to better understand and assist with the needs of their clients.