Don't Miss the Assessment Forum or the Mentor Session at The Forum in DC!

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The Assessment Forum is a regular event at conference, but this time, it's going to be exceptional!

The Tuesday morning, August 5, session will be a panel of well-known and respected representatives of EPA's drinking water, wastewater, and resource conservation and recovery program offices, along with a representative of Standard Methods. Each panelist will give an update on their respective area, and then the panel will address pre-planned questions in a free-flowing discussion format.

The Tuesday afternoon session will also be a panel, but this time composed of accreditors and assessors addressing *The Changing Face of Accreditation*. These panelists will complement, not duplicate, Monday morning's NEMC session on Laboratory Accreditation, and will offer insights not always obvious to the community.

The Mentor Session on Wednesday afternoon, August 6, has two parts. First, a session called *"Training Records…What's in Your Files?"* by Catherine Katsikis of Laboratory Data Consultants, and then secondly, after the break, a session on *"Water Microbiology: To QC or Not to QC, That is the Question"* by Gil Dichter of IDEXX Water. Both topics will have a good Q&A session after the presentation. Don't miss it!