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2014 is a year of change for CCAL!

Cam will be retiring March 31st! He will continue to work at the lab, but in a much reduced capacity. Cam has been with CCAL for 30 years and has dedicated himself to always providing the highest quality results possible. We have hired a new chemist, Laura Hartley, and Cam is working to impart his years of experience so that this is a smooth transition and that the results produced in the lab continue to be of highest quality. Cam will still be around a couple days a week, and will be happy to help you if you can't reach me. Please join me in wishing Cam a very long and happy retirement.

Laura started at CCAL January 6 and has been quick to settle in. Laura has worked with water in the field and laboratory at SUNY, Dynamac at EPA and USGS. Laura hails from New York, but her service in the Air Force has taken her around the world. Having settled in Corvallis in 2009, she and her two children now happily consider themselves Oregonians.

CCAL has a new database program and the report format is different than traditional CCAL reports. The separate text and Excel files have been replaced with a multi-worksheet Excel file. On the information tab, you will find sample information previously reported in the text file. On the Data tab, you will find analytical results, along with information about when your samples were analyzed, duplicates and individual sample comments. We will no longer report calibration summaries. Please let me know if you have concerns about the new reports.

CCAL also has a new website with a simplified Online Sample Submission Form; <http://ccal.oregonstate.edu/sample-submission-form>. Just fill out general information about your order, download the Sample Submission Form, enter sample IDs and analyses requested, upload the form and "submit". Any information you include in the first three columns of the Sample Submission Form will be directly input into the Data Report. So if you would like the final data report to reference a barcode or date of collection, we now have the ability to include that.

I will be the point of contact for sample submission, invoices, analytical questions and other lab concerns. Feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you directly.

A personal note from Cam: "I am not working full time anymore, please send more samples!"

Thank you for your support,
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