



Joint Assessments

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What is a ‘joint’ assessment?

- Laboratory has an environmental and non-environmental scope
- Non-environmental scope may include food chemistry, food microbiology, mineral analysis
- Team members may include CAEAL assessors, SCC Team Leaders, technical assessors from CFIA and/or other parts of PALCAN

JSCC or JCAEAL



JSCC

Team is led by a SCC Team Leader

More non-environmental tests than environmental tests

JCAEAL

Team is led by a CAEAL Lead Assessor

More environmental tests than non-environmental tests

Process



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- Challenging to coordinate schedules (e.g., two team members may have to interview the same analyst)
 - CAEAL assesses 100% of scope
 - Interim opening and/or closing meetings required in most cases
 - Assessments Reports and responses go to the respective agency (e.g., SCC or CAEAL)
 - Lead Assessor/Team Leader needs to coordinate activities

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- SCC Team Leader assesses the QMS
 - CAEAL assessor(s) assess environmental appendices
 - Be prepared to be “second-in-command”
 - Send the following to CAEAL after the assessment
 - » Assessment report that deals with environmental scope
 - » Copy of meeting attendance
 - Responses
 - » Responses dealing with QMS and non-environmental scope go to SCC
 - » Responses for environmental scope go to CAEAL

JCAEAL



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- CAEAL process for reviewing the QMS
 - SCC Technical Assessor(s) assess non-environmental scope
 - Send materials to CAEAL as per usual
 - Send to SCC following the assessment
 - Assessment Report relating to non-environmental scope
 - Copy of meeting attendance
 - Responses
 - » Responses dealing with QMS and environmental scope go to CAEAL
 - » Responses for non-environmental scope go to SCC