

The Lean Laboratory and Its Application for the Review of Environmental Monitoring Samples



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In terms of the volume of samples processed throughout quality control laboratories, it is invariably the microbiology laboratory that processes the highest number of samples. Aside from raw materials and intermediate and finished product samples, this is a consequence of the sampling of water systems and the environmental monitoring of cleanrooms. Large facilities, with many cleanrooms, can generate tens of thousands of environmental monitoring samples each year. This paper introduces the concept of the lean laboratory and then illustrates how the principle of lean labs can be applied. This illustration...

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