

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

Hello. I'm Frank Doherty, Founder and President of Aquatox Research.

For the past 30 years, I have had the privilege of working with hundreds of chemists, engineers, microbiologists and other professionals in helping them satisfy their facility's regulatory obligations.

I may be President of Aquatox with an obligation to my employees and vendors, but I work for my clients. We do not manufacture products here, we provide professional support services. It is important for us to recognize that the service not only includes the generation of test results but helping our clients understand the interpretation of those results.

I have long viewed the protection of our aquatic systems as a three legged stool between permittee, contractor and regulator. We may have a contractual relationship with the permittee but the NYS DEC has the authority to accept or reject any work that we do. Consequently, I have always tried to maintain a positive working relationship with our counterparts at the DEC so there is trust in the quality of the data we generate.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to answering any questions you may have about our services.

---