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PJLA Has Now Accredited Laboratories To The FDA LAAF Program

The FDA Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Food (LAAF) program is starting to expand and spark the interest of many food testing laboratories within the United States and globally. We would like to congratulate **A&B Food Testing** and **Environmental Laboratory for Microbiological and Chemical Analysis** for achieving this accreditation with PJLA!



The FDA has not released an official notice to owners/consignees to begin using accredited LAAF labs just yet. The FDA wants to ensure that there are enough competent labs geographically to perform the various testing required to support the program. Laboratories that are getting accredited and placed on the FDA database can start uploading validations as required for the program. The FDA request that labs clearly label their information and be cautious of file sizes.

Please continue to monitor what's happening with the FDA LAAF program by checking the FDA site [FSMA Final Rule on Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods \(LAAF\) - FDA](#). ♦

FDA ASCA Program Update

PJLA continues to be recognized by the FDA for The Accreditation Scheme for Conformity Assessment (ASCA) Pilot Program for the accreditation of biocompatibility or basic safety testing laboratories. Recently, the FDA has added more test methods to the Basic Safety program to now include:

- IEC 60601-2-52 Edition 1.1 2015-03 CONSOLIDATED VERSION: Medical electrical equipment - Part 2-52: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of medical beds [?]
- IEC 60601-2-39 Edition 3.0 2018-04: Medical electrical equipment - Part 2-39: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of peritoneal dialysis equipment [?]
- IEC 60601-2-43 Edition 3.0 2022-12: Medical electrical equipment - Part 2-43: Particular requirements for the safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for interventional procedures [?]
- IEC 60601-2-33 Edition 4.0 2022-08: Medical electrical equipment - Part 2-33: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of magnetic resonance equipment for medical diagnosis [?]

Please contact PJLA if you are interested in adding these new tests to your scope of accreditation. ♦



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Updates To PJLA Documents And Policies

The following update notifications have been released to all accredited and applicant organizations.

Update Notification #61-Release Date: 7/11/23 – LF-56 Inspection Working Document Rev 1.3
Minor edits to ensure the requirements in ILAC P15 have been included.

Update Notification #62 date: 8/11/2023 – PJLA Policies have been updated – PL-2 Traceability, PL-3 Measurement Uncertainty, and PL-4 Scopes of Accreditation.

PL-2 and 3 minimal changes required of applicant or accreditation organization.

PL-4 was expanded to include criteria for all conformity assessment types i.e., 17025, 17020, 17034, 17043, 17020 and 15189. Criteria for fixed scopes have been more clearly defined as well as flexible scopes. Ranges and detection limits have been made an optional category and reference material producer scopes have been expanded to a field to include the Approach Used to Assign Property Values.

An implementation period of November 1, 2023, has been set to start the redesign on certificates of accreditation.

Please ensure to review the update notification for a more detailed summary and download the policies. Additionally, a webinar was conducted on these changes and can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/OuWA3cfIMZ4>. ♦

Join Our Team!

Join Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc.'s team of **ISO/IEC 17025** professionals who provide the best accreditation experience possible.

ISO/IEC 17025 Assessors

We are currently seeking experienced **ISO/IEC 17025 Assessors** to join our assessment staff for the following programs:

Testing

- Biological
- Chemical
- Dimensional Inspection
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Microbiological
- Acoustic
- Thermodynamic
- Environmental

Calibration

- Acoustic
- Chemical
- Dimensional
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Mass/Weighing
- Optical
- Thermodynamic
- Time & Frequency

For immediate consideration, email us at pjlab@pjlab.com or send your resume to:

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Client Spotlight: Analytical Resource Laboratories

Based in Lehi, Utah, Analytical Resource Laboratories (ARL) is a leading partner in analytical laboratory services. As an ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited, DEA-licensed, and FDA-registered lab, their highly skilled team is prepared to meet their partners' quality product testing needs. They offer microbiological and chemical services, including HPLC, GC, ICP-MS, HPTLC, PCR, Biomerieux Tempo, physical testing, stabilities, method development and validations, and more.

A few of their most common analyses include physical chemistry, instrumental, microbiology, environmental monitoring, stabilities and shelf life, and Amazon dietary supplement testing. ARL's services support the dietary supplements, kratom, CBD and hemp, pharmaceutical, foods, personal care, and cosmetics industries.

"Doing it right, on time, every time."

Analytical Resource Laboratories' most recent ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation proves their commitment to a high standard of quality. "PJLA has provided a platform on which we are able to continue our pursuit of a high standard in quality testing. Adhering to a high-quality standard sets us apart from other labs, resulting in better opportunities and room to grow." They aim to provide experience, professionalism, and value in world-leading analytical testing services at the highest level of integrity, reliability, timeliness, and accuracy by the best and greatest people, and accreditation helps them accomplish those goals.

They currently have five locations, including their headquarters in Lehi, Utah. Looking forward, they plan on continuing to expand their services so they can support more industries throughout the country. They pride themselves in their ability to offer top-notch customer service and consultation and are committed to doing everything possible to create successful and long-lasting relationships with their partners. ♦

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The United States Accreditation Bodies Hosted The First APAC Face-To-Face Annual Meeting - June 26-30, 2023

The US accrediting bodies were excited to host this event and to finally have an in-person meeting. The meeting was well attended and included an opening ceremony session from several US industry groups supporting accreditation globally. The US accreditation bodies also coordinated a panel session on how the US regulatory and government entities utilize accreditation, the need for free markets and global acceptance using the ILAC MRA. ♦



National Environmental Monitoring Conference – NEMC

Tracy Szerszen, President and Matt Sica, Technical Program Manager, attended NEMC in Minneapolis July 31-August 4, 2023. Several meetings were attended in support of the TNI EL standard and TNI NEFAP standard. Tracy Szerszen, who also chairs the TNI NEFAP EC, presented on First Annual Field Sampling Conclave held in June 2023 and coordinated with the TNI NEFAP EC and FAC on ideas for a second mid-year session in October. Please keep a look out for future Field Sampling and Measurement training. ♦



The DoD/DOE QSM Version 6.0 Is On Its Way For Revision

Members of the DoD and DOE are working diligently on modifying the QSM. It is expected that the new version will be released later this year/early next year. Some of the changes being made include:

- Changing philosophy from prescriptive to risk-based requirements throughout the QSM.
- Aligning Module 1 Performance Testing requirements more to TNI 2016.
- Changing, removing, and adding various Appendix B tables.

Training on these changes will take place during the DoD/DOE workshop in Orlando, FL September 19-21, 2023. ♦

We Hope To See You At These Upcoming Conferences!

- Joint DOE/DoD Environmental Monitoring & Data Quality Workshop – September 19-21, 2023 – Orlando, FL
- Cannabis Science Conference – September 20-22, 2023 – Providence, RI
Visit PJLA at booth 220 – Make sure to catch *Tracy Szerszen* during Panel Discussion *Standards and Accreditation – The Way We Move Forward?* on Friday, September 22nd at 2:30PM ET.
- ACIL 2023 – October 10-12, 2023 – San Diego, CA
- 2023 AOAC International Annual Meeting – August 25-30, 2023 – New Orleans, LA
- 12th Annual MJBizCon – November 28 - December 1, 2023 – Las Vegas, NV

PJLA Podcasts – Now On Spotify



- A Review of the Revised PJLA Policy PL-4 “Scopes of Accreditation”
- Understanding the Types of Reference Materials, Their Differences, and Their Uses
- I Submitted a Complaint – Why is this Organization Still Accredited?

Look Out For PJLA’s FREE Online Webinars!

For our full schedule and to register for upcoming webinars visit our website at www.pjllabs.com/training/pjla-webinars.

Testimonial:

“I have been attending these webinars offered for various sections of new ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards. I enjoy the presentations and the contents have been very useful and applicable for me who work in the Quality Assurance Section of our laboratory. I have a direct involvement with our laboratory Quality System (QS) including creating and updating of our Quality Manual, performing internal audits, and providing QS trainings as examples of some of the related tasks.

I also would like to take this opportunity and thank Mr. Kramer for the great job he does in creating and presenting these webinars. The availability of the webinars for future access are a very useful resource to use for future reference, refresher to learn more about each topic, etc.”

– Fathieh Shafiee

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- **Thursday, September 28, 2023 – 1:00pm EST**
Measurement Risk: Measurements Gone Wrong
Presented by: Henry Zumbrun, Morehouse Instrument Company
- **Thursday, October 26, 2023 – 1:00pm EST**
A Look at ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – Overview of the Requirements Specified for Equipment in Section 6.4
Presented by: Michael Kramer, PJLA Calibration Program Manager

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