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PJLA Returns To In-Person For Our 2023 Annual Assessor Training

Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA) joyfully welcomed assessors back to Troy, Michigan, for our first in-person Annual Training since December 2019. The gathering, held on December 7th and 8th, marked a pivotal moment, fostering an atmosphere for teamwork and professional growth.

Tracy Szerszen, Tamara Norris, Doug Berg, Matthew Sica, Julie Snelling, Leeza Akimenko, and Mike Kramer diligently educated PJLA's core group of assessors on a diverse array of topics, ranging from common findings and program changes to the latest updates on relevant standards and programs.

One of the highlights on the agenda was an enlightening FDA LAAF update, shedding light on critical developments in the field. Additionally, the discussion on Lessons Learned from the DoD/DOE Annual Meeting provided valuable insights into best practices and emerging trends. The session on The Future of Cannabis Testing offered a glimpse into what is happening in this rapidly evolving sector, igniting discussions on improvement and compliance within the cannabis testing accreditation domain.



Amidst the training sessions, PJLA took a moment to honor two of its shining stars, Tamara Norris, and Eddie Clemmons, by presenting them with **Employee of the Year** and **Assessor of the Year**. Their dedication, tireless efforts, and exceptional service has left an indelible mark on our company. Their commitment to excellence serves as an inspiration to their peers and stands as a testament to PJLA's core values.



Overall, the return to in-person gatherings not only facilitated an exchange of new ideas but also rekindled the sense of community among PJLA managers, staff, and assessors. The camaraderie during this event will undoubtedly contribute to further collaboration and advancement within PJLA in 2024 and beyond. ♦



Come See Us At The Pittcon Conference & Exposition

February 24-28, 2024

San Diego, CA

San Diego Convention Center
Booth #3321



PJLA's New Educational Series For 2024

Introducing our new 2024 Educational Series - featuring various free workshops including:

- Corrective Action
- ISO/IEC 17025:2017 (2-Day) Overview Course
- Risk Based Thinking

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PJLA Updates

- **Update 64:** ISO 15189 Medical Laboratory Standard Transition Requirements
- **Update 63:** ISO/IEC 17043 Proficiency Testing Provider Accreditation Standard Transition Requirements

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We Hope To See You At These Upcoming Events!

Tracy Szerszen Presenting at TNI Forum on Environmental Accreditation

January 22-25, 2024 | Columbus, OH

National Environmental Field Activities Program (NEFAP) Executive Committee

(Tuesday, January 23rd, 3:30 -5:00pm)

Committee Chair: Tracy Szerszen, Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc.

The National Environmental Field Activities Program (NEFAP) involves the recognition of accreditation bodies for the accreditation of field sampling and measurement organizations (FSMO) as defined in the TNI field activities standards. The NEFAP Executive Committee is responsible for the recognition of accreditation bodies in order to ensure consistent implementation of the TNI Field Activity Standards.

This committee meeting will include:

- Introductions
- Ideas for TNI Second Annual Conclave on Sampling Issues
- Future Sampling Workshops
- Current and Future Training Events
- Future for NEFAP
- Open Discussion – Topics for NEFAP EC

Registration now open: <https://nelac-institute.org/forum/2024-winter/register.php>

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 pjlabs@pjlabs.com or send your resume to:

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PJLA On The Road

PJLA was busy on the road traveling to many shows, meetings, conferences, and symposiums. Below is a list of some of the places we visited in 2023:

- The 2023 Asia Pacific Accreditation Body Cooperation (APAC) Annual Meeting (June-July 2023)
- NEMC/Environmental Measurement Symposium 2023 (July-August 2023)
- AOAC International Annual Meeting (August 2023)
- Joint DOE/DoD Environmental Monitoring & Data Quality Workshop (September 2023)
- Cannabis Science Conference (September 2023)
- ACIL 2023 (October 2023)
- Automotive Testing Expo (October 2023)
- Quality Show (October 2023)
- IAF/ILAC Joint Annual Meetings (November 2023)



Welcome To The PJLA Team!



Stephanie White - Sales Coordinator



Katy Lyons - Sales Closer

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- Adding DOECAP-AP Accreditation to a DoD ELAP Accredited Laboratory
- A Look at ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – Section 6.6 – Externally Provided Products and Services
- Understanding the PJLA Flexible Scope Policy for Testing Labs, RMPS, and PTPs

Look Out For PJLA's FREE Online Webinars!

For our full schedule and to register for upcoming webinars visit our website at www.pjlab.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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- **Friday, January 19, 2024 – 1:00pm EST**
Common Findings in Assessments to the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Standard in 2023

We have looked back at assessment done by PJLA during the 2023 calendar year and have compiled data from these assessments. This webinar will break down the top ten areas we have identified as having the most nonconformance's written.

Presented by: Michael Kramer, PJLA Calibration Program Manager

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