

# Accreditation Insider

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## LAAF Program Update

On Friday, May 31, 2024, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that sufficient laboratory capacity has been reached for certain import-related food testing, specifically for mycotoxins, under the Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods (LAAF) program.

Read the official announcement here: [FDA Announces Sufficient Capacity to Test for Mycotoxins Under FSMA Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods Program | FDA](#)

As sufficient capacity is reached for additional analytes covered under the import-related food testing provisions of the LAAF regulation, those specific analytes and compliance dates will be posted on the LAAF Dashboard here: [FDA Dashboards - Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods Program](#).

Owners and consignees of imported food subject to the LAAF regulation must use a LAAF-accredited laboratory to conduct covered import-related food testing starting on the applicable compliance date, which is 6 months from the date a specific analyte is listed on the LAAF Dashboard.

General information about the LAAF program can be found at [Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods \(LAAF\) Program & Final Rule | FDA](#) or on our website here: [FDA LAAF Program](#).

Please reach out with any questions to [pjlabs@pjlabs.com](mailto:pjlabs@pjlabs.com). ♦

## The North American Accreditation Forum (NAAF) Board Of Directors Meeting

The North American Accreditation Forum (NAAF) Board of Directors held a meeting April 11-12 at the AIHA offices in Falls Church, Virginia. Thanks to AIHA for hosting the meeting! The board met to finalize its strategic initiatives that will be used to guide their work and measure the outcomes of the organization.



NAAF was launched to promote the exchange of knowledge, ideas and views on conformity assessment and accreditation in support of the principles of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United-States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

For more information about NAAF, visit <https://www.na-af.org/>. ♦

## PJLA Will Be At The Following Events:

### The 2024 Analytical Services Program

PJLA is headed to ASP 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 25-27, 2024. For more information & to register now, visit the official website here: [ASP Workshop 2024 \(projectenhancement.com\)](#)



### The 2024 Environmental Measurement Symposium

*"Reliable Data for Sound Decision Making"*

August 5-9, 2024  
Garden Grove, California

Matthew Sica will be presenting *"Leveraging Technology to Improve Laboratory Quality"*.

Register Here:  
<https://envirosymposium.group/>



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## Upcoming *FREE* Workshops!

### **EXTERNALLY PROVIDED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

Tuesday, July 16, 2024: 1:00-3:00pm ET

### **INTRO TO INTERNAL AUDITING**

Tuesday, September 17, 2024: 1:00-3:00pm ET

<https://www.pjlabs.com/training>



## Upcoming 17025 Overview Course

### **ISO/IEC 17025:2017 2-DAY OVERVIEW COURSE**

Tuesday, August 20 – Wednesday, August 21, 2024: 10:00am-4:30pm ET

<https://www.pjlabs.com/training/17025-overview-course>

### **ISO/IEC 17025 Overview Course**



## Join Our Team!

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

We are currently seeking experienced assessors for **ISO/IEC 17025 Calibration and Mechanical Testing Assessors** and **Product Certification Body Assessors** to join our assessment staff.

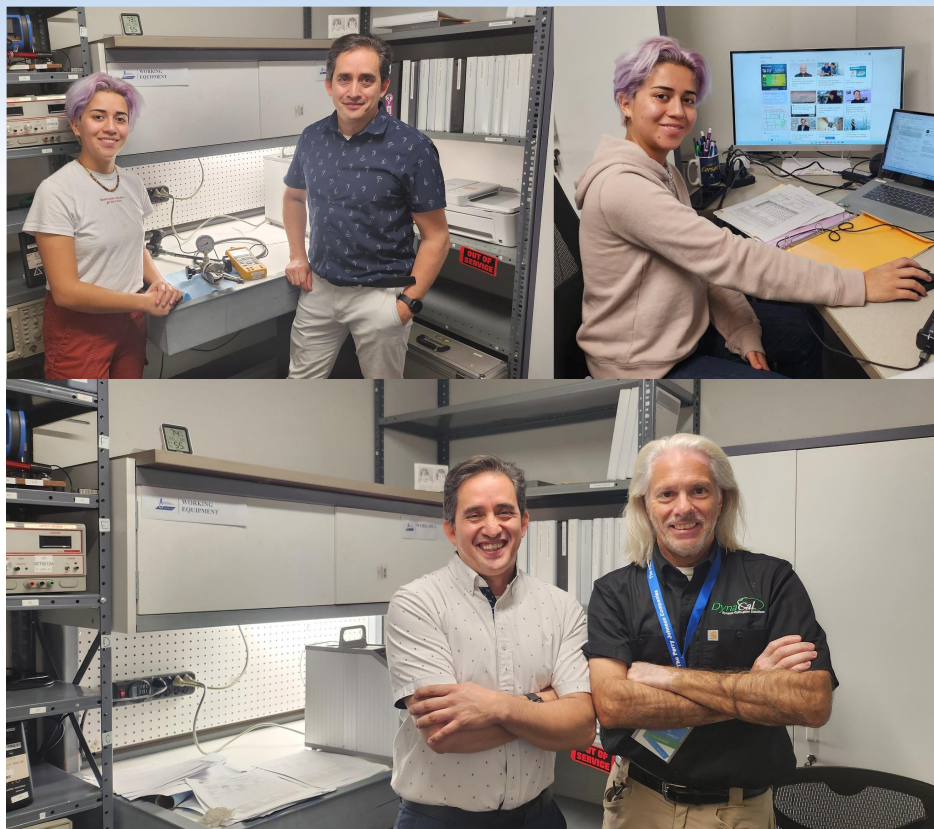
For immediate consideration, email us at [pjlabs@pjlabs.com](mailto:pjlabs@pjlabs.com) or visit our website to apply.





## Assessors In The Field

PJLA Assessor Felipe Narcio Assessing JZ Integral Support in Sunrise, Florida



## Mike Kramer Assesses Guyana National Bureau of Standards Laboratory

Mike Kramer at the Guyana National Bureau of Standards laboratory. Thank you all for the warm welcome & congratulations on a successful assessment!



## PJLA Updates

### Update #74

DoD/DOE QSM 6.0 Transition Requirements

### Update #73

DoD DOE QSM 6.0 Checklist-Release and Implementation

### Update #72

SOP-11 Suspension-Withdrawal-Reduction of Accreditation-Rev 1.9

### Update #71

SOP-1 EPA NLLAP Accreditation Procedure Rev 1.2

### Update #70

EPA Method 1633

### Update #69

SOP-1 Accreditation Procedure ASAC Rev 1.1, LF-56-17025-2k17-Working Document ASCA Biocompatibility-Rev 1.1, and LF-56 2K-17-ASCA-Bio-GLP Supplemental Checklist-Rev 1.1

### Update #68

SOP-1 Accreditation Procedure RMP Rev 1.2

### Update #67

LF-56 CA ELAP TNI EL Minus 2 Working Document & Readiness Review Form

### Update #66

LF-116-DOD-DOE-TNI Assessment Readiness Review Checklist Rev 1.8

### Update #65

LF-56 AS6171 Working Document

### Update #64

ISO 15189 Medical Laboratory Standard Transition Requirements

Check out the complete list of updates and information here:

<https://www.pjlab.com/resources/pjla-updates>



# PJLA On The Road

PJLA was busy on the road traveling to many shows, meetings, conferences, and symposiums. Below are some of the places we recently visited.

- **PJLA Attended AOAC Southern Section**  
Matt Sica presented "Risk Based Thinking in a Microbiological Lab Setting."
- **PJLA Attended Pittcon 2024**
- **NCSL International Michigan Section Meeting 2024**  
Read our blog story: <https://www.pjlabs.com/pjla-hosts-ncsl-international-michigan-section-meeting-2024>
- **PJLA Attends The Quality Show South**  
Read our blog story: <https://www.pjlabs.com/courtney-smith-represents-pjla-at-the-quality-show-south-2024>



**Pittcon**  
Conference and Exposition



## Tracy Szerszen Featured On Cannabis Talk 101



## PJLA Podcasts – Now On Spotify



- AOAC Hemp & Cannabis Proficiency Testing – A Solution to a Critical Need
- FDA Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Food (LAAF) Program - Lessons Learned
- A Look at ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – Requirements Concerning Impartiality and Confidentiality

## 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](http://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

*Program and Policy Analyst Advanced Quality Assurance  
Section Bureau of Laboratory Services/Division of  
Management Services Wisconsin Department of  
Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection*

- **Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 11:00am 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*
- **Wednesday, July 24, 2024 – 1:00pm EST**  
**A Summary of Changes of the DoD/DOE ELAP QSM Version 6.0 and PJLA Transition Requirements**  
*Presented by: Matthew Sica, Technical Program Manager, PJLA*

**Did you see our NEW QuickStart Guide to ISO/IEC 17025:2017? Head over to our website to download your FREE copy!**

