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New Accreditation Policies Published

Outreach Focused on MU and Traceability Policies

AIHA-LAP, LLC published its 2010 accreditation policies to the AIHA-LAP, LLC website on February 18, 2010, along with a summary of the new policies on the Policy Modules page of the site. The 2010 policies go into effect on April 1, 2010, which means that recently revised ancillary documents such as the Accreditation Application and Site Assessor Checklist also go into effect on April 1. Laboratories may contact a [Laboratory Accreditation Specialist](#) for a copy of the 2010 Checklist. Laboratories applying for accreditation or reaccreditation on or after April 1 should make sure that they use the currently posted 2010 application and related documents; more importantly, they should rely on the 2010 policies, which is how their assessments will be conducted.

New measurement uncertainty (MU) and traceability policies and related documents were part of the policies issued on February 18. A blast e-mail summarizing these new MU and traceability policies was sent to our laboratory customers on March 2. A webinar was also conducted so that laboratories could review the new policies, guidance documents and examples. By all accounts, the webinar was a success, drawing over 160 participants. Additional webinars (dates to be announced) are being scheduled for April 2010. In the meantime, the PowerPoint slides used in the webinar will be made available to AIHA laboratories shortly, along with an FAQ that uses some of the questions posed during this session. AIHA-LAP, LLC will also host an Accreditation Forum at AIHce in Denver, CO on May 23 to review these new policies. Look for more information about these additional outreach efforts on the AIHA-LAP, LLC website.

AIHA-LAP, LLC @ AIHce

AIHA-LAP, LLC will have a presence at AIHce 2010 in Denver, CO and will use the venue as an opportunity to discuss important issues. As mentioned above, AIHA-LAP, LLC will host an Accreditation Forum on Sunday, May 23, to have a dialogue with laboratory directors and staff about the new MU and traceability policies. We thank the laboratory personnel who will attend AIHce and the nearly two dozen AIHA-LAP, LLC accredited laboratories that will have booths in the Exhibition Hall.

AIHA-LAP, LLC Director Cheryl Morton and Marketing Manager Sage Morgante will visit those booths to solicit feedback about customer service and answer questions related to use of the new accreditation logo. Finally, the Analytical Accreditation Board (AAB) will conduct a meeting on Saturday, May 22, and the first meeting of the LLC's Strategic Advisory Group will be hosted on Sunday, May 23. The outcome of both meetings will be shared in the June edition of LAP E-news.

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Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act Method Additions and Upcoming Survey

Please note that there will be an upcoming survey on CPSIA whole-product testing to determine whether our stakeholders have an interest in expanding AIHA-LAP, LLC activities. The two CPSIA methods in question for the survey are

- CPSC-CH-E1002-08 - Standard Operating Procedure for Determining Total Lead (Pb) in Non-Metal Children's Products
- CPSC-CH-E1001-08 - Standard Operating Procedure for Determining Total Lead (Pb) in Children's Metal Products (Including Children's Metal Jewelry)

Currently, labs may add the CPSIA method for paint testing to the ELLAP scope under the Paint matrix, with the caveat that this will not be recognized by CPSC until AIHA-LAP, LLC has international recognition. When submitting the Addition of Method form, the method to be added for Lead in Paint is CPSC-CH-E1003-09 - Standard Operating Procedure for Determining Lead (Pb) in Paint and Other Similar Surface Coatings, with the scope of the accreditation expressly including testing to the requirements of 16 CFR part 1303.

Information may be found at <http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/sect101.html>

Using the New 2010 AIHA-LAP, LLC Program Logos

Please note that an e-mail regarding the 2010 Logos and their Licensing Agreements was sent to all accredited laboratories November 2009. If you have not received this e-mail, or if you need to receive your updated laboratory accreditation logo, please review and sign the licensing agreement with AIHA LAP, LLC found at <http://www.aiha.org/labs/Documents/License%20Agreement%20and%20Logos.pdf>. The 2010 logo(s) that were effective as of January 1, 2010, must be in full use with no previous logos in use by June 1, 2010. Please also note that signing the agreement does not obligate you to use the logo; it only shows that if you choose to, you are given the authority to use it and that you pledge to follow Module 7 and the complete terms of accreditation. Please contact Sage Morgante at smorgante@aiha.org or (703) 846-0799 should you have questions or need more information about revisions to the accreditation logos, advertising policies, licensing agreements and/or the accreditation LLC website.

Notice About Significant Changes

Reminder: Annual Update Eliminated-Significant Changes Still Need to Be Reported

Laboratories are required to report significant changes per Policy 3.8.1 within 20 business days of the change. The following changes need to be reported to AIHA-LAP, LLC staff:

- Personnel changes that include technical manager and quality manager. Check Policy 2A.5 and the specifics of your accreditation program to ensure that these positions fulfill the qualifications outlined.
- Facility location and/or ownership-not only is it required by Policy 3.8.1, but your accreditation covers only the laboratory as named on the certification of accreditation and the facility address as listed.

Help us keep you current. If your laboratory is not receiving invoices, email announcements, or reaccreditation correspondence, please contact us to verify your address and primary/billing contact. If you have any questions regarding significant changes, please contact Chris Sacdalan at csacdalan@aiha.org.

Seeking New AIHA-LAP, LLC Volunteers

AIHA-LAP, LLC is seeking qualified volunteers to fill positions on the Analytical Accreditation Board (AAB) and the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP). New members will begin their terms in January 2011. Applications for these positions are due by June 30, 2010.

The AAB oversees the governance and processes related to laboratory accreditation, including responsibility for approving applications submitted for accreditation and reaccreditation once site assessments are conducted. AAB members are also responsible for approving policy changes and participating on ad hoc task forces.

TAP members advise the AAB on technical laboratory matters and review 20 percent of all accreditation applications for the major programs: industrial hygiene; environmental lead; and environmental microbiology. TAP members conduct a thorough assessment of the accreditation process steps to ensure conformance with policies and technical requirements. See <http://www.aihaaccreditedlabs.org/Pages/VolunteerLeadership.aspx> for AAB and TAP applications. For additional information, please contact Margie Breida at mbreida@aiha.org.

World Accreditation Day

June 9, 2010, is *World Accreditation Day* (formerly called International Accreditation Day) and the theme this year is "Global Acceptance." This day was established by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)--of which AIHA-LAP, LLC is a member--and the International Accreditation Forum IAF to allow accreditation bodies to conduct promotional activity in their economies. Here at AIHA-LAP, LLC main offices, we will host a small celebration. We will also join forces with some of the U.S. accreditation bodies to celebrate this day. This year also marks the 10th anniversary of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA). AIHA-LAP, LLC is not part of the ILAC MRA but expects to be recognized by our international peers under the ILAC MRA this year.

The ILAC Marketing and Communications Committee (MCC) and the IAF Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC) have created some promotional materials, some of which AIHA-LAP, LLC expects to use to communicate to our laboratory customers about the benefits of accreditation. We hope that you in turn will rely on some of these same messages to communicate to your own customers about the significance of accreditation. More importantly, we hope that you can figure out some small way to join us in celebrating on June 9. For more information about World Accreditation Day, please contact Sage Morgante, Marketing and Communication Manager at smorgante@aiha.org or (703) 846-0799.

Internal Audit December 15-17

AIHA-LAP, LLC underwent a successful internal audit on December 15-17, 2009, that was conducted with a team of three people (2 volunteers and 1 Site Assessor) using ISO 17011--the same standard our APLAC-IAAC evaluators use. The auditors delivered their findings to the staff that are now developing corrective actions. Following the auditors' recommendations, two people from the AAB will follow up on the internal audit findings in six months to check on our progress. Thanks to Site Assessor Chris Kearney and AAB members Larry Pierce and Chris Powell for serving on this year's internal audit team.

New and Tenured Volunteers and Site Assessors Meet in Scottsdale, AZ

New and tenured AIHA-LAP, LLC volunteers as well as site assessors participated in the 2010 AIHA Affiliate Laboratory Programs Training and Orientation meeting that was conducted January 18-22, 2010, in Scottsdale, AZ. The meeting included an orientation session for new AAB and Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) members and a day-long AAB meeting, which was the first Board meeting for the newly-elected members. At their own meeting on Thursday and Friday (January 21-22), site assessors focused on the new measurement uncertainty and traceability drafts that were released on February 18.

Remembering Site Assessor Bob Weker

Since the site assessor meeting in Scottsdale, we learned of the sudden passing of one of our site assessors. Robert (Bob) Weker from the Harvard School of Public Health died suddenly in Boston on February 27. We are all shocked and saddened by Bob's passing, and we send our condolences to his family. Bob (who was also an NVLAP assessor) was an assessor in training and was set to perform his observed assessment (for official approval to conduct assessments) just days before he passed away. Though his involvement with the LLC was relatively brief, we knew of his unyielding commitment to both AIHA (he was an industrial hygienist and a long-time member of the New England AIHA local section) and to the LLC in delivering quality site assessments. Contributions in Bob Weker's memory may be made to the Vokes Theater, P.O. Box 283, Wayland, MA 01778.

List of Newly Accredited and Reaccredited Laboratories August 2009-February 2010

A&B Environmental Services, Inc.
Air Force Institute for Occupational Health
American Analytical Laboratories, Inc
AmeriSci Bio-Chem
Analytical Environmental Services, Inc.
Analytics Corporation (Ashland, VA)
Applied Environmental, Inc.(Herndon, VA)
Asociacion Chilena De Seguridad
Assured Biotechnology Corporation
AT Labs, a Unit of Assay Technology
ATA (Arnold AFB, TN)
ATC Associates, Inc.
BASF Corporation
Bayer Crop Science
Bayer Material Science Environmental Analytics Laboratory
Bio-Chem Consulting Services Ltd.
California Department of Public Health (Richmond, CA)
CANTEST
CASSEN Testing Laboratories (Toronto, ON)
Centek Laboratories, LLC
Certified Environmental Management, LLC
Chemtex Environmental and Industrial Hygiene Services
City of Los Angeles, DW&P Environmental Laboratory
Community Health
Con-Test Analytical
Eagle Industrial Hygiene Associates
EASI, Inc.
Environ Cientifica Ltda.
Environ Cientifica Ltda. (São Bernardo do Campo, S.P.)
Environmental Diagnostics Laboratory (EDLAB) at Pure Air Control Services
EMSL Analytical, Inc. (St. Louis, MO)
Environmental Microbiology Laboratory, Inc. (Bothell, WA)
Environmental Microbiology Laboratory, Inc. (Fort Lauderdale, FL)
Fluor Hanford
Grupo Microanalysis

Guardian Systems, Inc.
Hillmann Environmental Group, LLC
IMS Laboratory, LLC
J3 Resources, Inc. (Houston, TX)
LA Testing (Torrance, CA)
Lab/Cor, Inc.
Laboratorio de Higiene Industrial
Laboratory Services, Inc.
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
Legend Technical Services of Arizona, Inc.
Linn County Health Department
Los Angeles Co. ACWM
MACS Lab, Inc.
Michigan Dept. of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth -Occupational
Health Laboratory
Micro Air, Inc.
Micro Analytical Laboratories, Inc. (Emeryville, CA)
Microbiology Specialists, Incorporated
Missouri Department of Health State Public Health Laboratory
Monsanto Company
Mould Works
Mycometrics, LLC
Mystic Air Quality Consultants, Inc.
NASA Johnson Space Ctr Microbiology Lab
National Security Technologies (NSTec)
Northeast Laboratory Services (Winslow, ME)
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OSHTECH, Incorporated
Patriot Environmental
PPG Industries
PSI - Professional Service Industries, Inc.
RJ Lee Group, Inc.
SanAir Technologies Laboratory
Scientific Analytical Institute, Inc.
Steve Moody Micro Services, LLC
Test America Microbiology Laboratory
TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc.
The Scott Lawson Group, Ltd.
TRI Air Testing, Inc.
Triad Environmental Consulting, Inc.
TTL Associates, Inc.
United States Enrichment Corporation
University of Cincinnati Hematology & Environmental Laboratory
Wampanoag Environmental Lab
Washington River Protection Solutions LLC
Wisconsin Occupational Health Laboratory

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