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Laboratory Accreditation Requirements By FSMA

The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) final rule on Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods (LAAF) for a laboratory accreditation program is becoming a reality. This program is expected to improve the accuracy and reliability of certain food testing through the uniformity of standards and enhanced FDA oversight of participating laboratories.

Under this LAAF program, the Food and Drug Administration will identify accreditation bodies (ABs) that will accredit laboratories to the standards established in the final rule and will therefore be referred to as LAAF-accredited laboratories. The final rule specifies eligibility requirements that ABs and laboratories wishing to participate in the program will need to satisfy.

An overview of the structure of the new LAAF program can be found here: <https://www.fda.gov/media/154290/download>.

The FDA intends to announce in early 2022 that ABs may apply for recognition, so stay tuned for more information from PJLA. ♦



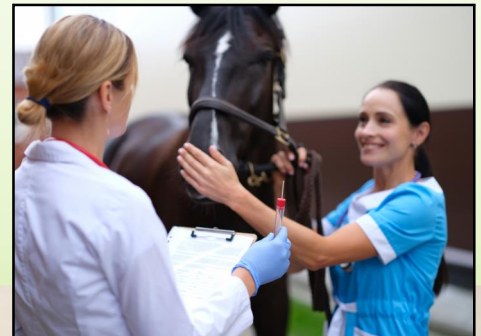
Horseracing Laboratories Accreditation Program



Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA) now offers Accreditation Requirements and Operating Criteria for Horseracing Laboratories Program (ILAC G7:02/2016). This is a supplemental program to ISO/IEC 17025, which was established by International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) to provide a compilation of test method related requirements for horseracing laboratories. The program requires laboratories to have measures in place to address false-negatives and include quality-control protocols in place in every analytical batch.

The program requires proper storage and handling of controlled drugs, determining and documenting the frequency of screening tests, defining investigation criteria for screened samples, determining limits of detection for screening methods, and record control and review. In addition, the ILAC G7:2/2016 document offers recommendations for establishing the presence of prohibited substances that have been agreed upon within the horseracing industry and compliance with an appropriate performance specification, and the adoption of harmonized definitions for terms commonly used by racing chemists.

Laboratories interested in performing horserace testing and achieving recognition can now apply for this supplemental program. ♦



DoD And DOE Release QMS Version 5.4

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On October 28, 2021 the DoD and DOE released QSM Version 5.4 to be utilized immediately by accreditation bodies and laboratories. The changes are in relation to the additional criteria for laboratories that wish to be accredited to the EPA 1633- Draft and Table B24. All laboratories will have two years, or by October 28, 2023, to transition quality documentation to reference the latest version of this QSM.

ATTENTION: On-site Assessment Requirements

Effective January 1, 2022, PJLA will no longer be able to offer our virtual assessment tool to any laboratories that have not been assessed on-site within 2 years, per the DoD and DOE. Please expect that your assessment in 2022, even if it was a planned documentation surveillance review, may be required to be on-site. PJLA scheduling team will inform you of any changes.

If you apply to expand your scope to Table B24 and EPA 1633 draft, the transition will be required during that scope expansion visit. If version 6.0 is released prior to the 2-year transition period, then new transition requirements will be released.

A copy of the QSM can be found on the Denix website: <https://denix.osd.mil/edgw/documents>. The revised checklist for this program will be made available on the PJLA website: <https://www.pjllabs.com/resources/pjla-documents> Notice 2-DoD/DOE. ♦

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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

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Client Spotlight: Premiere Precision Machining, LLC

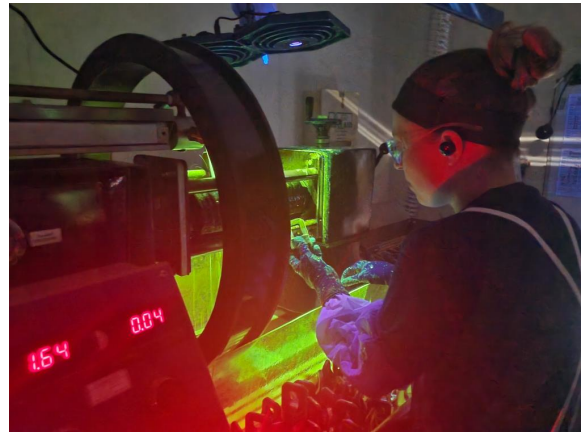
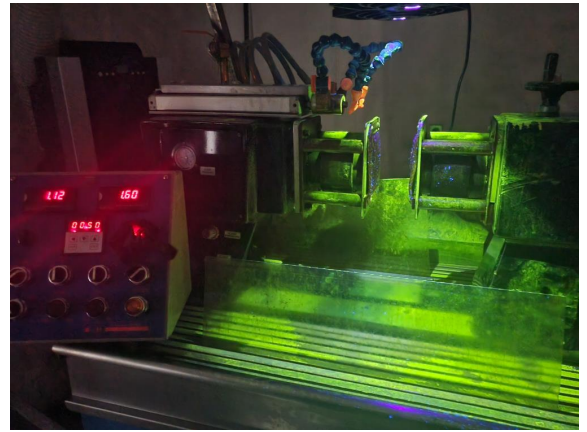
Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation Inc. is happy to introduce Premiere Precision Machining, a New York based ISO/IEC 17025:2017, AS9100, and NADCAP Accredited company dedicated to providing machined, fabricated, painted, & tested products and components. Their new 3,000 square foot lab provides ample space for 17025 NDT services, where they provide Magnetic Particle Testing and Liquid Penetrant Testing.

Premier Precision Machining boasts an experienced team comprised of one certified Level III & four certified Level II technicians, as well as one certified Welding Inspector. In addition to their impressive team, they also have brand-new Magnetic Particle Unidirectional and Multi-directional machines. When asked how they stand apart from the competition, the team mentioned superior senior management support, highly trained and accredited NDT staff, and finally, top-of-the-line NDT equipment.

“Testing provides peace of mind.”

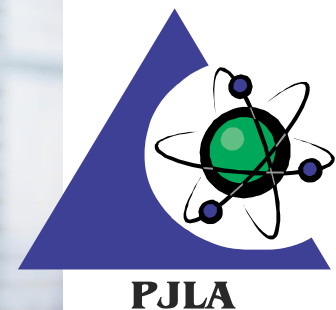
Regarding the benefits of accreditation, Premier Precision Machining noted that it has helped them to grow their business and strengthen their staff and processes to better serve their customers. “We have enjoyed the service [PJLA] provided. It was a nice partnership, we had to do our part and you followed through with your commitments. This allowed us to complete our goals on time.”

Looking to the future, Premier Precision Machining plans to grow their business and become a \$100 million + corporation and become the leading provider of Nondestructive Testing services in North America. ♦



New Hires

PJLA would like to welcome Terra Ettel and Jacalyn Sherouse to the Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation team. Our company is growing and changing every day and we're thrilled to have you along for the ride. ♦



On The Road Again

PJLA attended MJBizCon in Las Vegas on October 20-22 and the Cannabis Science Conference in Baltimore on September 13-15. ♦



PJLA Podcasts – Now On Spotify



- A Look at ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – Section 6.6: Externally Provided Products and Services
- ASCA Biocompatibility and Basic Safety and Essential Performance FDA Pilot Program with PJLA



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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, December 30 – 1:00pm EST
A Look at ISO/IEC 17025:2017: Section 5.0
"Structural Requirements" of ISO/IEC 17025:2017
- Wednesday, January 26, 2022 – 2:00pm EST
2021 Top ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Cannabis Laboratory
Findings



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