

PJLA Update Notification

Update Notification # 22

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Form/Procedure/Policy: EPA NLLAP Proficiency Testing Submission Requirements

Attention all EPA NLLAP Applicant and Accredited Laboratories:

As currently required, laboratories must demonstrate “proficient” PT results under the AIHA ELPAT program, per the requirement of the EPA LQSR Version 3. This must be completed on a quarterly basis for all matrices on the scope of accreditation. Although, PJLA has assessed these results on routine assessments or on a request basis a more structured requirement for PT result submission has now been implemented.

Effective **October 1, 2013** all laboratories must submit their PT results to PJLA for evaluation within 14-days of receipt. For applicant laboratories, we would expect that this is completed prior to your accreditation assessment and updated accordingly.

This requirement has now been added to our Proficiency Testing Policy (PL-1). Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in a nonconformance against the policy and/or possible disqualification of the EPA NLLAP program.

PT results should be submitted to Tamara Norris, Accreditation Manager at tnorris@pjlabs.com.

Thank you.