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LQAP Feedback Forms – Tell Us How We Are Doing!

All accredited laboratories are strongly encouraged to submit feedback forms following each assessment. Feedback forms are sent to accredited laboratories when they are notified about the assessor assignment for their application. The assessor is also asked to provide the lab with a feedback form at the assessment. This form allows the lab to rate and provide comments on the site assessment process, the accreditation process, and the proficiency testing programs.

Remember that LQAP continues to record and respond to suggestions (as well as complaints) received from all its participants and customers of its participants.

For more information, contact Scott Goeringer, quality systems manager, at sgoeringer@aiha.org.

AIHA Completes First Joint Assessment with CAEAL; Second Assessment Planned

Last month, AIHA site assessor Chris Kearney participated in a joint assessment with the Canadian Association for Environmental Analytical Laboratories at a laboratory accredited by both organizations. The laboratory benefited from having both organizations complete one management review (and much of the technical review) together by allowing the laboratory to save time and limit disruption to their daily routine.

Andrew Lewis, CAEAL assessment officer said, “The joint approach also provides the CAEAL assessor (and vice versa) with exposure to another accreditation body and their assessors with the possibility of learning from each other.”

The next joint assessment is scheduled for the week of July 21, with AIHA site assessors Fred Grunder and Bob DiRienzo participating. LQAP is pleased to participate in this collaboration. Thanks CAEAL and all the site assessors and laboratories for their willingness to be part of this experiment.

LQAP Introduces Three New Site Assessors

AIHA is pleased to announce that the following site assessors have completed their training and observed assessments: 1) Tessie Gamber; 2) Pauline Lambert; and, 3) Sandy Moore. AIHA congratulates these dedicated individuals.

AIHA Laboratory Quality Assurance Programs

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LQAP Staff Moves

Jennifer Redmond, laboratory accreditation specialist for the past year, accepted a position with the Food and Drug Administration. We wish Jennifer the best of luck and thank her for her many contributions to LQAP.

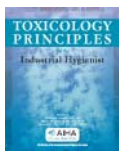
Shalini Saha joins AIHA as the new laboratory accreditation specialist. Shalini is a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio with majors in chemistry, biochemistry, and biology. She can be reached at ssaha@aiha.org or (703) 846-0739.

Methods Guidance Available Soon

In response to inquiries from laboratories seeking accreditation, AIHA's Analytical Accreditation Board developed guidance on methods which fall within the scope of its IHLAP, ELLAP, and EMLAP programs. A listing of methods on a laboratory's scope of accreditation allows the consumer of lab services to determine if the laboratory has the desired capability and is accredited to provide a specific analysis. AIHA recognizes that many laboratories provide tests and services that may be outside the scope of AIHA accreditation. AIHA must determine which methods fall within the scope of AIHA accreditation.

The guidance document will be available soon on the LQAP Web site.

New AIHA Publication for Laboratory Safety Published



Edited by William E. Luttrell, Warren W. Jederberg, and Kenneth R. Still, *Toxicology Principles for the Industrial Hygienist*, is a comprehensive

toxicology reference, specifically for the industrial hygienist. The book emphasizes basic principles and case studies that relate to the working environment. For more information, go to the AIHA online marketplace at www.aiha.org/marketplace.htm.

Industry Calendar

IAFP 2008

www.foodprotection.org
Columbus, Ohio — August 3–6

Microscopy & Microanalysis 2008 Meeting

www.microscopy.org
Albuquerque, N.M. — August 3–7

2008 National Healthy Homes Conference

www.hud.gov/offices/lead/2008NHHC.cfm
Baltimore, MD — September 15–17

LQAP Honors Volunteer Leaders and Site Assessors at AIHce Reception in Minneapolis

The Analytical Accreditation Board (through LQAP) establishes high standards of performance for laboratories and analysts that promote the production of quality data for use in evaluating exposures that impact public health, the environment, and natural resources by granting accreditation or registry status to laboratories, organizations or individuals. Two individuals from this group were recognized at the LQAP reception.

- James A. Kenny, Jr., CIH, CSP, was recognized with the Past Chair Award for his leadership and outstanding contributions to the AAB.
- The Harriotte A. Hurley Award was presented to David B. Sandusky for his contributions to the work of the AAB.

The Technical Advisory Panel plays a critical role in supporting the AAB and AIHA LQAP staff. TAP provides technical expertise and critical review and input in the granting of AIHA accreditation.

- The Newton Whitman Award for LQAP Technical Advisory Panel Reviewer of the Year was awarded to Elizabeth Bair.

AIHA employs the services of expert site assessors to visit laboratories and conduct site assessments – the second step in a lab's path toward AIHA accreditation.

- The Evan Campbell Award was issued to Christine A. Kearney for Site Assessor of the Year.

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

Although the annual update is no longer required in the 2008 policies, reporting of significant changes per 3.8.1 is still required within 20 business days. The following changes need to be reported to AIHA staff:

- Personnel changes that include technical manager and quality manager (now that the quality assurance coordinator title has been changed to 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 its proficiency testing samples, the *LQAP News*, or general correspondence, please contact us to verify your address and primary/billing contact.

If you have any accreditation questions, please contact Olena Bulgakova at obulgakova@aiha.org.



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AIHA's Laboratory Quality Assurance
Programs.

Congratulations to AIHA's Newly Accredited Labs

Bristol-Myers Squibb Industrial Hygiene Laboratory	New Brunswick, N.J.	IHLAP	Reaccredited
KAM Consultants Corporation	Long Island City, N.Y.	IHLAP ELLAP	Reaccredited Reaccredited
SC Department of Health & Environmental Control	Columbia, S.C.	IHLAP ELLAP	Reaccredited Reaccredited
Environmental Science Corporation	Mt. Juliet, Tenn.	IHLAP ELLAP EMLAP	Reaccredited Reaccredited Reaccredited
Tennessee Career Center/TOSHA Laboratory	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	IHLAP	Reaccredited
Corrosion Control Consultants & Labs, Inc.	Kentwood, Mich.	IHLAP ELLAP	Reaccredited Reaccredited
ACL Industrial Toxicology Laboratory	West Allis, Wisc.	IHLAP ELLAP	Reaccredited Reaccredited
Monsanto Company	Luling, La.	IHLAP	Reaccredited
FRS Geotech, Inc.	Denver, Colo.	IHLAP EMLAP	Reaccredited Newly Accredited
EMS Laboratories, Inc.	Pasadena, Calif.	IHLAP ELLAP EMLAP Reaccredited-IHLAP/ELLAP Initial-EMLAP	
XStrata Copper Canada, Horne Smelter Environmental & IH Laboratory	Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada	IHLAP	Reaccredited
Long Beach Public Health Laboratory	Long Beach, Calif.	ELLAP	Reaccredited
Advanced Scientific Laboratories	Pompano Beach, Fla.	EMLAP	Reaccredited
EMSL Analytical, Inc. - Indianapolis	Indianapolis, Ind.	IHLAP ELLAP EMLAP	Reaccredited Reaccredited Reaccredited
Forensic Analytical	Las Vegas, Nev.	EMLAP	Newly Accredited
IDEH Laboratory	Redmond, Wash.	EMLAP	Newly Accredited

Mark Your Calendars

Keep the following deadlines in mind, and in your calendar, for 2008

Industrial Hygiene Proficiency Analytical Testing Program Enrollment Deadlines

September 1, 2008 (Round 175)
December 1, 2008 (Round 176)

Bulk Asbestos Proficiency Analytical Testing Program Enrollment Deadlines

July 25, 2008 (Round 76)
October 15, 2008 (Round 77)

Beryllium Proficiency Analytical Testing Program Enrollment Deadlines

October 1, 2008 (Round 18)

Environmental Lead Proficiency Analytical Testing Program Enrollment Deadlines

July 15, 2008 (Round 64)
October 15, 2008 (Round 65)

Environmental Lead-Air Proficiency Analytical Testing Program Enrollment Deadlines

September 1, 2008 (Round 65)
December 1, 2008 (Round 66)

Environmental Microbiology-Culturable Proficiency Analytical Testing Program Enrollment Deadlines

September 15, 2008 (Round 37)

Environmental Microbiology-Direct Exam Proficiency Analytical Testing Program Enrollment Deadlines

September 15, 2008 (Round 17)
December 15, 2008 (Round 18)

Environmental Microbiology-Culturable and Direct Exam Combination Proficiency Analytical Testing Program Enrollment Deadlines

September 15, 2008 (Round 16 and 37)
December 15, 2008 (Round 17 and 38)

Asbestos Analysts Registry Enrollment Deadlines

August 18, 2008 (Round 87)
November 17, 2008 (Round 88)