

I106 - Available Proficiency Testing Programs

(as of 2/13/09)

(Participation in the programs noted with ** is required by specific A2LA programs of accreditation.)

NOTE: This list is by no means comprehensive, but merely includes contact information for proficiency testing programs of which A2LA is aware. This list is divided into those programs that are currently A2LA accredited and those that are not A2LA-accredited. For those programs that are accredited by A2LA, please refer to their detailed Scope of Accreditation, located on the A2LA Website. We also encourage you to check the websites of our Mutual Recognition Agreement Partners for PT Providers accredited by them.

A2LA recommends that, whenever possible, A2LA-accredited testing and calibration laboratories use accredited PT Providers to meet the A2LA requirements for participation in proficiency testing. However, we recognize that accredited PT Providers may not be available for all technical disciplines, or that specific accreditation programs may mandate participation in other comparisons. Therefore, if there are no accredited alternatives available and if the samples offered by the non-accredited programs below are relevant to the work your laboratory performs, we recommend that you contact them to discuss enrollment options.

A2LA ACCREDITED PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAMS	
(Please refer to Scopes of Accreditation on A2LA website for more details.)	
Program/Contact	Types of Samples Offered
Absolute Standards Steve Arpie 44 Rossotto Drive Hamden, CT 06514 Phone: 800 368 1131 Email: stephenarpie@mac.com www.absolutestandards.com	Drinking Water Non-Potable Water Solid & Chemical Materials DMRQA
AOAC International Arlene Fox 481 North Frederick Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2417 Phone: 301 924 7077 x143 Email: afox@aoac.org	Standard Microbiology; Pathogen-Free Microbiology; Meat Microbiology; Combination Pathogen Program; Meat Chemistry; Cheese Chemistry; Pesticide Residues in Fruits and Vegetables; Salmonella in Liquid Egg

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<p>Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA) Ken Middlebrook Suite 310-1565 Carling Avenue Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1Z8R1 Phone: 613 233 5300 Email: kmiddlebrook@cala.ca</p>	<p>Major Ions; Ammonia; DOC; Orthophosphate; Bromide/Nitrite; Dissolved Metals; Metal Hydrides; TKN/TP; TSS; BOD; Turbidity; COD; Microbiology; Organochlorine Pesticides/PCBs; Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons; PCB in Oil; Metals on Air Filters; Major Ions on Air Filters; Trout LC50; Daphnia LC50; Microtox IC50; CN (SAD); pH; THM/VOCs; Metals in Soil/Sediment; PAH in Soil/Sediment; Mercury; Pesticides; Phenolic Compounds; Glyphosate; Aromatic Organics in Air; Aldicarb; PHC in Soil; Residual Chlorine</p>
<p>Environmental Resource Associates, Inc. (ERA) Curtis Wood 6000 West 54th Avenue Arvada, CO 80002 Phone: 303 431 8454 Email: cwood@eraqc.com www.eraqc.com</p>	<p>CWA-Water; SDWA-Water; RCRA-Solid; SDWA-Radiochemistry; Environmental Toxicology; Water Pollution; Water Supply; Soil/Hazardous Waste; Underground Storage Tank; Radiochemistry; DMR-QA</p>
<p>HN Proficiency Testing Inc. Henrik Nielsen 8520 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 220 Indianapolis, IN 46250 Phone: 317 713 2988 Email: hsnielsen@hn-metrology.com Web: www.hn-proficiency.com</p>	<p>Gage Blocks; Long Gage Blocks; Hand Gages; Plain Ring Gages; Thread Plug Gages; Thread Wires; CMM Measurement; Digital Multimeter; Temperature Simulation; Plain Plug Gages; Optical 2D Measurement; Dimensional Inspection; RF Power Sensor Calibration; Microwave Attenuator Calibration; Micrometer Master Rod Calibration; Mass Measurement; Torque Wrench Calibration</p>
<p>MicroCheck, Inc. Melissa Tessman 142 Gould Road Northfield, VT 05663 Phone: 802 485 6600 x27 Email: MelissaT@microcheck.com www.microcheck.com</p>	<p>Fecal Coliform Total Coliform Heterotrophic Plate Count</p>

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<p>National Association for Proficiency Testing (NAPT) Charles J. Ellis 901 Twelve Oaks Center Drive, Suite 920 Wayzata, MN 55391 Phone: 952 303 6126 Fax: 305 425 5728 Email: napt@proficiency.org www.proficiency.org</p>	<p>Electrical DC/Low Frequency; Electrical RF Microwave; Time/Frequency; Dimensional; Mechanical; Thermodynamic Calibrations</p>
<p>Proficiency Testing Australia Phillip Briggs 7 Leeds Street Rhodes, NSW 2138 Australia Phone: 61 2 9736 8222</p>	<p>Chemical (water, food, wine, asbestos, metal alloys, coal, fuels, paint), Biological (waters, pathogens in food, Legionella in water, carcass hygiene, algae, Cryptosporidium and Giardina in water, dairy), Construction Materials (soils, asphalt, aggregates, concrete), Mechanical (tensile testing of metals, hardness testing of metals, chains, textiles), Non-Destructive Testing (ultrasonics, radiography, magnetic particle inspection), Calibration (optics & radiometry, metrology, acoustic & vibration, electrical, heat & temperature)</p>
<p>Newage Testing Instruments, Inc. Michael Guglicelli 147 James Way Southampton, PA 18966 Phone: 727 536 7831 x6015 Email: Michael.guglicelli@ametek.com www.newageinstruments.com</p>	<p>Rockwell Hardness, Brinell Hardness, Vickers Hardness, Microindentation Hardness, Durometer Hardness, Leeb Hardness</p>

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<p>New York State Department of Health, Environmental Laboratory Approval Program Kenneth Aldous, Ph.D. Wadsworth Center Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12201-0509 Phone: 518 485 5570 www.wadsworth.org/labcert/elap/elap.htm</p>	<p>Non-Potable Water Solid & Chemical Materials DMRQA Air</p>
<p>NSI Solutions, Inc. Mark Hammersla 7517 Precision Drive Suite 101 Raleigh, NC 27617 Phone: 800 234 7837 Email: mark.hammersla@nsi-es.com www.nsi-es.com</p>	<p>Drinking Water Non-Potable Water Solid & Chemical Materials DMRQA</p>
<p>MeasurePT, Inc. Jeff C. Gust 17043 Governors Drive P.O. Box 250 Columbia City, IN 46725 Phone: 260 244 7450 Email: cgipe@measurept.com www.measurept.com</p>	<p>Capacitance, Inductance, Resistance, Temperature, Frequency, Micrometers, Hardness, DC Voltage, Torque, Humidity, Pressure, Caliper, DMM and Force Calibrations</p>
<p>Resource Technology Corporation (RTC) Christopher Rucinski 2931 Soldier Springs Road Laramie, WY 82070 Phone: 307 742 5452 Email: crucinski@RT-Corp.com</p>	<p>DMR-QA Water Pollution Water Supply RCRA Solids UST Water UST Soils Microbiology</p>

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<p align="center"> RTI International Bruce W. Harvey 3040 Cornwallis Road P.O. Box 12194 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2194 Phone: 919 541 6573 Email: bwh@rti.org </p>	<p align="center"> Asbestos Content Asbestos Fibers in Air </p>
<p align="center"> U.S. Department of Energy Radiological And Environmental Sciences Laboratory Anita R. Bhatt CFA-690 Albany Avenue and Lincoln Road MS-4149 Idaho Falls, ID 83415 Phone: 208 526 1273 Email: bhattar@id.doe.gov </p>	<p align="center"> Mixed Analyte Performance Evaluation Program (soil, water, vegetation, air filters, food stuff) Radiobioassay (synthetic urine and fecal, whole body phantoms, lung phantoms, thyroid phantoms) </p>
<p align="center"> Wibby Environmental Chuck Wibby 6390 Joyce Drive, #100 Golden, CO 80403 Phone: 303 940 0033 Email: cwibby@wibby.com </p>	<p align="center"> Drinking Water Non-Potable Water Solid & Chemical Materials DMRQA </p>

NON-A2LA ACCREDITED PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAMS

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<p>American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL) Janet Allen 1629 K Street NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20006 Phone: 202 887 5872 Website: www.acil.org</p>	<p>Radio Frequency Noise Sources for Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Measurements. Conducted Emissions. Radiated Emissions.</p>
<p align="center">AIHA Cheryl Morton Director LQAP 2700 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 250 Fairfax, VA 22031 Phone: 703 846 0789 Fax: 703 207 8558 www.aiha.org</p>	<p align="center">IHPAT – (1) metals, organics, asbestos, silica (quarterly) (2) Diffusive samples (semi-annually)</p>
	<p align="center">BAPAT - bulk asbestos (quarterly) ** (** Participation required for A2LA-accredited PLM laboratories)</p>
	<p align="center">ELPAT – Pb in paint, soil, dust wipes, air (quarterly) ** (** Participation required for the A2LA Environmental Lead (Pb) Accreditation Program)</p>
	<p align="center">EMPAT – fungi and bacteria (three times per year)</p>
	<p align="center">BePAT – Beryllium (three times per year)</p>
	<p align="center">AAT – Asbestos air samples (quarterly) ** (** Participation required for A2LA-accredited PCM laboratories)</p>

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<p>American Oil Chemists Society Dawn Shepard P.O. Box 3489 Champaign, IL 61826-3489 Phone: 217 359 2344 Fax: 217 351 8091 www.aocs.org</p>	<p align="center">Smalley Program Edible Oils (Contact program coordinator for the list of oils available.)</p>
<p>Analytical Reference materials International, Inc. (ARMI) Paul Dalager 700 Corporate Circle, Suite A Golden, CO 80401 Phone: 800 421 9454 Fax: 303 216 2649 Email: lped@armi.com www.armi.com</p>	<p align="center">ILAP/LPED Metal alloys (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and at custom frequencies)</p>
<p>Analytical Standards Incorporated Frederick S. Anderson, President 6331 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV 26104 Phone: 304 422 4274 Fax: 304 422 4761 www.asipt.com</p>	<p align="center">Environmental Solid Waste Water Pollution Water Supply</p>
<p>American Proficiency Institute Sue Empson 1159 Business Park Drive Traverse City, MI 49686 Phone: 800 333 0958 Fax: 231 941 7287 Email: foodtest@api-pt.com</p>	<p align="center">Food microbiology and food chemistry samples (three times per year)</p>

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<p>Association of Official Racing Chemists (AORC) Sharon McLellen P.O. Box 296 Pte. Clair, Quebec CANADA H9R 4N9 Phone: 514 697 7578 Fax: 514 694 7421</p>	<p align="center">Animal Drug Testing Samples</p>
<p align="center">ASTM David Bradley Manager, Proficiency Testing Program 100 Barr Harbor Drive West Conshohoken, PA 19428-2959 Phone: 610 832 9681 Fax: 610 832 9668 www.astm.org</p>	<p align="center">ASTM Committees E1 & D2 Programs – Metals, Petroleum Products, Plastics, Textiles, Engine Coolants</p>
<p align="center">CCRL Robin Haupt 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8618 Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8618 Phone: 301 975 6701 Fax: 301 975 2243 Email: rhaupt@ccrl.us</p>	<p align="center">CCRL, AMRL, AASHTO ** Concrete, Cement, Soils, Asphalt Aggregate</p> <p align="center">(** Participation in SPSP of AASHTO required for Geotechnical laboratories accredited for ASTM methods that specify this proficiency testing program.)</p>
<p>China NIL Research Center for Proficiency Testing Mr. Gao Wengong or Ms. Chen Jinghua Box 14, No 76 Xueyuan South Road Beijing 100081 P.R. China Phone: 86 10 62185713 Fax: 86 10 6218 1163 Email: nil@analysis.org.cn http://english.nil.org.cn</p>	<p align="center">Chemical analysis of metals & raw materials; Mechanical and physical testing of metals</p> <p align="center">(Accredited by the China National Accreditation Service Conformity Assessment - CNAS)</p>

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<p>Collaborative Testing Services, Inc. P.O. Box 650820 Sterling, VA 20165-0820 Phone: 571 434 1925 Fax: 571 434 1937 www.collaborativetesting.com</p>	<p>Plastics, Rubber (mechanical), Metals, Paper, Color, Fasteners (chemical & mechanical), Forensics</p>
<p>College of American Pathologists Kathy Cilia, Manager, Client Relations 325 Waukegan Road Northfield, IL 60093-2750 Phone: 847 832 7615 Fax: 847 832 8143</p>	<p>CAP Surveys (over 100 programs with clinical analytes)</p>
<p>Laboratory Quality Services International (LQSi) Edwin A. Blaszak 16130 Van Drunen Road South Holland, IL 60473 Phone: 708 331 3249 Fax: 708 333 3040 Email: lqsi@sgs.com www.lqsi.com</p>	<p>Energy Minerals – High and low rank coals, mineral analysis of coal ash, ash fusion temperature, trace elements, Hardgrove grindability index (HGI) of coal, rheological and petrographic properties of coal, petroleum coke HGI</p> <p>Iron and Steel Minerals – Iron ore, CSR/CRI, tumbler test, Met coke</p> <p>Geochemical Exploration – Gold ore (fire assay, aqua regia, CN leach) (ore-grade metals and Sulphur)</p> <p>Non-Ferrous Concentrates – Copper, Lead, Zinc</p> <p>Industrial Minerals – Bauxite, cement/cement clinker, limestone</p> <p>Fertilizers – Potash, phosphate, urea</p>
<p>Cornell University’s Interstate Drug Testing Alliance (IDTA) George Maylin, Ph.D., D.V.M. Cornell University 925 Waven Drive Ithaca, NY 14850 Phone: 607 255 6555</p>	<p>Animal Drug Testing Samples</p>

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<p>Institute for Interlaboratory Studies Malledijk 18 P.O. Box 200 3200 AE Spijkenisse The Netherlands Phone: 31 181 69 4540 Fax: 31 181 69 4543 Email: iisnl@sgs.com www.iisnl.com</p>	<p>Petroleum and petrochemical products; Plastics & Textiles; Edible Oils & Fats; Rubber; Customized proficiency tests at client request</p> <p align="center">(Accredited by the Dutch Accreditation Board RvA)</p>
<p>INTERLAB, Division of Vanguard Solutions Karen Williams P.O. Box 1970 Ashland, KY 41105-1970 Phone: 606 325 1970 Fax: 606 325 2689 Email: infor@vanguard-solutions.com www.vanguard-solutions.com</p>	<p align="center">Coal</p>
<p>International Interlaboratory Testing Program (IITP) Iowa State University Walter Hyde, Ph.D. Department of Racing Chemistry College of Veterinary Medicine Ames, IA 50011 Phone: 515 294 1950 x2636 Fax: 515 294 3182</p>	<p align="center">Animal Drug Samples</p>
<p>LabProficiency A Division of Chrisope Technologies Theresa Stokeld 3941 Ryan Street Lake Charles, LA 70605 Phone: 800 256 4376 Fax: 3337 479 1006 www.remel.com</p>	<p align="center">Water Microbiology</p>

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<p>Mineral Analysis Laboratories Dr. Clint Smith 555 Booth St. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A9G1 Phone: 613 992 3893 Fax: 613 996 9673 Email: clsmith@NRCan.gc.ca http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/canmet-mtb/mmsl-lmsm/ccrmp/ptp/visitors.htm</p>	<p>Ores Containing Gold, Silver, Platinum, Palladium, Copper, Zinc, Lead, Nickel, Cobalt.</p>
<p>National Exposure Testing Christa Lammers 3545 Silica Road, Suite E Sylvania, OH 43560 Phone: 419 841 1065 Fax: 419 841 8716 www.nationalexposuretesting.com</p>	<p>Salt Spray (ASTM B117) CASS Test (ASTM B368) Cyclic Corrosion (GM 9540P; GMW 14872) Specular Gloss (ASTM D523) Dry Film Thickness (ASTM D7091)</p>
<p>NIST – Office of Weights and Measures Val Miller 100 Bureau Drive – Stop 2600 Gathersburg, MD 20899-2350 Phone: 301 975 3602 Fax: 301 926 0647 Email: gharris@nist.gov</p>	<p>Mass, Length, Volume</p>
<p>North Carolina Dept of Agriculture Dr. Joel S. Padmore 4000 Ready Creek Road Raleigh, NC 27607 Phone: 919 733 7366 Fax: 919 733 6801 www.magruderchecksample.org</p>	<p>Fertilizers</p>

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<p>Research Triangle Institute (RTI) P.O. Box 12194 3040 Cornwallis Road, Bldg #7 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 Phone: 919 541 6000 www.rti.org</p>	<p>Forensic Drug, Asbestos, Environmental Pb, Reference Materials & Calibration Standards, Diabetes Testing</p>
<p>SPEX CertiPrep, Inc. Ralph Obenauf 203 Norcross Avenue Metuchen, NJ 08840 Phone: 732 549 7144 Email: robenauf@spex.sp.com</p>	<p>DMR-QA Water Supply Water Pollution Water Supply Microbiology</p>
<p>Swedish National Food Administration Box 622 SE-751 26 Uppsala, Sweden Phone: 46 18 175500 Fax: 46 18 105848 www.slv.se/pt</p>	<p>Trace Elements in Food Macro Nutrients in Food Vitamins in Food Microbiology in Drinking Water Microbiology in Food (Accredited by SWEDAC)</p>
<p>Testing Integrity Program (TIP) Scott Stanley, Ph.D. Veterinary Drug Laboratory University of California – Davis P.O. Box 1990 Davis, CA 95617 Phone: 916 752 6253</p>	<p>Animal Drug Testing Samples</p>
<p>USGA Green Section Proficiency Testing Program Dr. Robert O. Miller Colorado State University Soil & Crop Science Department Phone: 970 686 5702 Fax: 970 416 5820 Email: rmiller@lamar.colostate.edu</p>	<p>Putting Green Samples ** (** Participation required for laboratories accredited under the A2LA Putting Green Materials Program)</p>

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<p align="center"> Veterinary Laboratories Agency Quality Assurance Unit Neville T. Johnson College Road, Sutton Bonington Loughborough, Liecestershire LE12 5RB United Kingdom Phone: 44 1509 670607 Fax: 44 1509 670206 Email: n.Johnson@vla.defra.gsi.gov.uk www.vla.gov.uk </p>	<p align="center"> Veterinary Samples (Animal Tissues & Body Fluids) for: Serology Bacteriology Haematology Clinical Chemistry Parasitology Pathology Microbiology Histopathology Virology Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy Genotyping (Scrapie) (Accredited by UKAS) </p>
<p align="center"> VHG Labs Michael G. Travers 276 Abby Road Manchester, NH 03103 Phone: 603 622 7660 Email: mike@vhglabs.com </p>	<p align="center">Metals, Sulfur, Viscosity and Particle Count in Petroleum Products</p>