



TOP IAQ LAB KNOWS CALIFORNIA REQUIRES A HIGHER SET OF STANDARDS

LA Testing sets an unprecedented achievement by becoming the only laboratory in the Southern California to hold all three AIHA accreditation's under one facility

Pasadena, CA, November 21, 2003 - **EMSL Analytical**, the largest network of **indoor air quality testing laboratories** in the nation, announced today its S. Pasadena laboratory, **LA Testing**, a division of EMSL Analytical, Inc., has set an unprecedented achievement by holding accreditation for three separate AIHA programs, for asbestos (**AIHA IHLAP**), lead (**AIHA ELLAP**), and fungal analyses (**AIHA EMLAP**). The accreditation of the LA Testing facility also marks **EMSL Analytical** as the exclusive laboratory to currently operate five **AIHA EMLAP** Accredited laboratories throughout the United States. Additionally, LA Testing is accredited for asbestos PLM and TEM by NVLAP and asbestos and lead parameters by the CA ELAP.

"Achieving this benchmark is a tremendous accomplishment for LA Testing and EMSL Analytical," explains **Leslie Boggs**, director of marketing for the west coast divisions of EMSL Analytical, Inc. *"These bodies of accreditation will focus the importance of a top-quality analysis, and will help guide the industry to requiring a higher standard of analysis."*

A **NVLAP** [National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program] accreditation signifies that a laboratory has demonstrated that it operates in accordance with technical requirements pertaining to quality systems; personnel; accommodation and environment; test and calibration methods; equipment; measurement traceability; sampling; handling of test and calibration items; and test and calibration reports.

The AIHA **IHLAP** [Industrial Hygiene Laboratory Accreditation Program] for asbestos assures clients that the laboratory has met a defined set of performance standards, including personnel qualifications, proficiency under the **IHPAT** [Industrial Hygiene Proficiency Analytical Testing program], facilities, quality assurance, records, analytical methods, and laboratory operation procedures (SOPs).

The AIHA **ELLAP** [Environmental Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program] is recognized by the EPA National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP) and only accredits laboratories capable of performing adequate analysis of lead in environmental samples including paint, soil, dust wipes and air.

An AIHA **EMLAP** [Environmental Microbiology Laboratory Accreditation Program] accredited laboratory assures its clients that the laboratory has met a defined set of performance standards, including personnel qualifications, proficiency under the **EMPAT** [Environmental Microbiology Proficiency Analytical Testing program], facilities, quality assurance, records, analytical methods, and laboratory operation procedures (SOPs). Additionally, AIHA accreditation insures that the laboratory is compliant with ISO 17025 policies and procedures.

About LA Testing & EMSL Analytical

LA Testing is a division of EMSL Analytical, Inc. EMSL Analytical operates 22 laboratories throughout the Nation with full-service analytical services including mold, bacteria, asbestos, lead, indoor allergens, mycotoxins, endotoxins, DNA based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing, indoor air quality, industrial hygiene, environmental chemistry, forensic, failure, materials, and mechanical testing services. In addition to laboratory testing services, the firm provides mold management seminars, free IAQ seminars and free sampling workshops at various locations throughout the country.

Further information can be found on the company's web site www.LATesting.com, or you may contact them toll free at: 1-800-303-0047.