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Dear Steve Green,

Please find your laboratory's Industrial Hygiene Proficiency Analytical Testing (IHPAT) results for **Round 177**. It is the laboratory's responsibility to thoroughly review results and to immediately contact the AIHA Proficiency Analytical Testing Programs, LLC in writing, if any errors are found in your report.

The proficiency demonstrated by the results of this IHPAT round is valid until the close of the retest round on July 14, 2009 if the laboratory chooses to participate or the close of the next IHPAT round on August 17, 2009. Unacceptable performance may be improved by correctly analyzing a set of retest samples. The deadline to order a retest is May 29, 2009. Retest sample kits are mailed via USPS Mail within five days after the order deadline.

IHPAT **Round 178** sample kits will be mailed to laboratories around July 1, 2009. Your laboratory's data will be due by 11:59pm EST on August 3, 2009. The analytes for round 178 are:

- **Metals – cadmium, chromium, lead**
- **Asbestos – amosite**
- **Silica – talc**
- **Organics – benzene(BNZ), toluene(TOL), o-xylene(OXY)**
- **Diffusive Samplers – benzene, toluene, o-xylene**

Please handle, store and analyze your laboratory's PAT samples in the same manner as routine client samples. To submit results, visit the Proficiency Analytical Testing (PAT) page and click on the PAT Data Entry Portal: www.aihapat.org. **Always print and save the confirmation page** after submitting data via the PAT Data Entry Portal.

Your laboratory's password, needed to access the reports through the PAT Data Entry Portal is provided in the upper right hand corner (next to your lab ID#) of the address label on the results worksheet included with your PAT samples.

I encourage you to contact me with any feedback, questions or if you wish to contest your results at nmugambwa@aiha.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nmugambwa'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Natasha Mugambwa
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Industrial Hygiene Proficiency Analytical Testing Results

This document contains three sub-reports relating to IHPAT Round 177. The first report contains your laboratory's results listed per contaminant, per sample. The second report contains your current and 2 previous test round performance respectively (where applicable), and the final report contains summary results for all laboratories for IHPAT round 177.

Testing Results for IHPAT Round 177

This part of the report contains your laboratory's results listed per contaminant, per sample.

Contaminant	Units	#	Result	Ref. Value	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	z-Score	Rating
Cadmium (CAD)	mg	1	0.00477	0.00481	0.00415	0.00547	-0.2	A
	mg	2	0.01330	0.01361	0.01198	0.01524	-0.6	A
	mg	3	0.00982	0.00973	0.00856	0.01090	0.2	A
	mg	4	0.00334	0.00329	0.00289	0.00369	0.4	A
Lead (LEA)	mg	1	0.0532	0.0502	0.0442	0.0562	1.5	A
	mg	2	0.1800	0.1787	0.1573	0.2002	0.2	A
	mg	3	0.0778	0.0742	0.0653	0.0831	1.2	A
	mg	4	0.1280	0.1222	0.1075	0.1368	1.2	A
Zinc (ZIN)	mg	1	0.0767	0.0803	0.0679	0.0926	-0.9	A
	mg	2	0.1350	0.1497	0.1318	0.1677	-2.5	A
	mg	3	0.0585	0.0594	0.0505	0.0684	-0.3	A
	mg	4	0.1090	0.1154	0.0995	0.1314	-1.2	A
Asbestos / Fibers (ASB)	f/mm2	1	51	99	49	168	-2.8	A
	f/mm2	2	128	316	155	535	-3.6	U
	f/mm2	3	118	225	110	380	-2.7	A
	f/mm2	4	48	34	17	57	1.9	A
Methanol (MOH)	mg	1	1.3200	1.5090	1.1686	1.8493	-1.7	A
	mg	2	0.0861	0.0892	0.0621	0.1164	-0.3	A
	mg	3	0.5430	0.6581	0.5157	0.8004	-2.4	A
	mg	4	0.0493	0.0621	0.0391	0.0852	-1.7	A

Please note:

Reference value is the mean of the reference laboratories

*Lower limit = reference value - 3 standard deviations and Upper limit = reference value +3 standard deviations

*Z-score = (reported result - reference value)/standard deviation

*Asbestos is the exception because data are positively skewed therefore transformations are used to obtain approximately normal distributions.

A: Acceptable Analysis; U: Unacceptable Analysis

The acceptability of reported results is based on upper and lower performance limits. This is why a reported result may appear unacceptable according to z-score, but be identified as acceptable.

Overall Performance Summary Concluding with 177

The following table contains your laboratory's current and 2 previous test rounds performance respectively (where applicable). For more information in regard to the determination of proficiency, please see Policy Module 6B, Section 6B.2 for IHPAT and Policy Module 6C Section 6C.2 for ELPAT Lead-in-Air located at: <http://www.aiha.org/Content/LQAP/documents/accredpolicymods.htm>

Sample	Round	Round Performance	Round Score	Proficiency Status -Three Round Score
Asbestos	175	4/4	Pass	
	176	4/4	Pass	
	177	3/4	Pass	P
Metals	175	12/12	Pass	
	176	12/12	Pass	
	177	12/12	Pass	P
Organic Solvents	175	11/12	Pass	
	176	10/12	Pass	
	177	4/4	Pass	P

Please note:

The denominators represent the total number of samples analyzed.

The numerators represent the number of acceptable results.

Pass: Round Score ≥ 75% Fail: Round Score < 75%

P – Proficient; NP – Non-proficient.

A laboratory is rated proficient (P) for the associated FoT/Method(s), if the laboratory has a passing score for the applicable PT analyte class in two (2) of the last three (3) consecutive PT rounds. A laboratory is rated non-proficient (NP) for the applicable FoT/Method if the laboratory has failing scores for the associated PT analyte class in two (2) of the last three (3) consecutive PT rounds.

If a laboratory receives samples and does not report the data, the results will be treated as outliers.

