DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Current List of Laboratories Which Meet Minimum Standards To Engage in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) notifies Federal agencies of the laboratories currently certified to meet the standards of Subpart C of the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (Mandatory Guidelines). The Mandatory Guidelines were first published in the Federal Register on April 11, 1988 (53 FR 11970), and subsequently revised in the Federal Register on June 9, 1994 (59 FR 29908), on September 30, 1997 (62 FR 51118), and on April 13, 2004 (69 FR 19644). A notice listing all currently certified laboratories is published in the Federal Register during the first week of each month. If any laboratory’s certification is suspended or revoked, the laboratory will be omitted from subsequent lists until such time as it is restored to full certification under the Mandatory Guidelines.

If any laboratory has withdrawn from the HHS National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) during the past month, it will be listed at the end, and will be omitted from the monthly listing thereafter.

This notice is also available on the Internet at http://workplace.samhsa.gov and http://www.drugfreeworkplace.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Giselle Hersh or Dr. Walter Vogl, Division of Workplace Programs, SAMSHA/CSAP, Room 2–1035, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, Maryland 20857; 240–276–2600 (voice), 240–276–2610 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mandatory Guidelines were developed in accordance with Executive Order 12564 and section 503 of Public Law 100–71. Subpart C of the Mandatory Guidelines, “Certification of Laboratories Engaged in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies,” sets strict standards that laboratories must meet in order to conduct drug and specimen validity tests on urine specimens for Federal agencies. To become certified, an applicant laboratory must undergo three rounds of performance testing plus an on-site inspection. To maintain that certification, a laboratory must participate in a quarterly performance testing program plus undergo periodic, on-site inspections.

Laboratories which claim to be in the applicant stage of certification are not to be considered as meeting the minimum requirements described in the HHS Mandatory Guidelines. A laboratory must have its letter of certification from HHS/SAMHSA (formerly: HHS/NIDA) which attests that it has met minimum standards.

In accordance with Subpart C of the Mandatory Guidelines dated April 13, 2004 (69 FR 19644), the following laboratories meet the minimum standards to conduct drug and specimen validity tests on urine specimens:

- ACL Laboratories, 8901 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227, 414–328–7840 / 800–877–7016. (Formerly: Bayshore Clinical Laboratory)
- Baptist Medical Center—Toxicology Laboratory, 9601 I–630, Exit 7, Little Rock, AR 72205–7299, 501–202–2783. (Formerly: Forensic Toxicology Laboratory Baptist Medical Center)
- Doctors Laboratory, Inc., 2006 julia Drive, Valdosta, GA 31602, 229–671–2281.
- DrugProof, Division of Dynacare/Laboratory of Pathology, LLC, 1229 Madison St., Suite 500, Nordstrom Medical Tower, Seattle, WA 98104, 206–386–2661 / 800–898–0180. (Formerly: Laboratory of Pathology of Seattle, Inc., DrugProof, Division of Laboratory of Pathology of Seattle, Inc.)
- General Medical Laboratories, 36 South Brooks St., Madison, WI 53715, 608–267–6225.
- Kroll Laboratory Specialists, Inc., 1111 Newton St., Gretna, LA 70053, 504–361–8989 / 800–433–3823. (Formerly: Laboratory Specialists, Inc.)
- LabOne, Inc., 10101 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219, 913–888–3927 / 800–873–8845. (Formerly: Center for Laboratory Services, a Division of LabOne, Inc.)
- Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 69 First Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869, 908–526–2400 / 800–437–4986. (Formerly: Roche Biomedical Laboratories, Inc.)
- Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 1904 Alexander Dr., Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 919–572–6900 / 800–833–3984. (Formerly: LabCorp Occupational Testing Services, Inc., CompChem Laboratories, Inc.; CompChem Laboratories, Inc., A Subsidiary of Roche Biomedical Laboratory; Roche CompChem Laboratories, Inc., A Member of the Roche Group.)
- Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 10788 Roselle St., San Diego, CA 92121, 800–882–7272, (Formerly: Poisonlab, Inc.)
- Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 1120 Main Street, Southaven, MS 38671, 866–827–8042 / 800–233–6339. (Formerly: LabCorp Occupational Testing Services, Inc.; MedExpress/National Laboratory Center)

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

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Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee; Vacancies

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). CTAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the safe and secure transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S.-flag vessels in U.S. ports and waterways.

DATES: Application forms should reach the Coast Guard on or before October 28, 2005. However, the Coast Guard will include all applications received before any recommendations are made to the Secretary of Homeland Security.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Robert J. Hennessy, Executive Director of CTAC, or Ms. Sara S. Ju, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267–1217/0081, fax (202) 267–4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) is an advisory committee of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). It was established by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-296), to make recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and later to the Coast Guard, on matters relating to the safe and secure transportation of chemicals in bulk on U.S.-flag vessels in U.S. ports and waterways.

The committee consists of experts in various fields related to the safe transportation of hazardous materials, including transportation engineers, port authorities, operators of vessels, and representatives of the chemical industry and the general public. The committee also includes a representative from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to ensure that recommendations are consistent with DOT regulations.

The chair of the committee is appointed by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the committee is advisory, meaning that its recommendations are not binding on the Coast Guard. Nonetheless, the Coast Guard values the advice of CTAC and often incorporates its recommendations into its policies and regulations.

The committee meets several times a year to discuss issues related to the safe transportation of hazardous materials. Meetings are open to the public, and the public is encouraged to attend to provide input on issues of concern.

The committee's work is funded by the Department of Homeland Security, and its members serve without compensation. The committee operates under the guidance of a task force, which includes representatives from the Department of Transportation, the American Chemical Society, and other interested parties.

The committee's primary focus is on the safe transportation of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S.-flag vessels. It is responsible for making recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the safe and secure handling, transportation, and storage of hazardous materials. Its recommendations are intended to enhance safety and reduce the risk of accidents, which can have serious consequences for the environment, public health, and economy.

The committee's work is guided by the Marine Transportation Systems Act of 1998, which established the Marine Transportation Systems Agreement to improve the safety and security of the nation's ports and waterways. The committee's recommendations are also aligned with the goals of the National Response Framework, which provides a national response framework for incidents involving hazardous materials.