

Food and Feed Laboratory Accreditation Tools

APHL has created a free resource repository and a discussion board for Food and Animal Feed Laboratory Accreditation. The resource webpages are designed to support governmental laboratories seeking to achieve, maintain or enhance their accreditation to the ISO/IEC 17025:2005 standard. The Discussion Board was designed to serve as a platform for information exchange related to laboratory accreditation to that standard.

Free Resources Available

Included in the Food and Feed Accreditation Resources webpages is a free resource repository, which houses over 200 documents on accreditation provided by laboratory staff in food and feed testing laboratories across the country including:

- laboratory best practices
- standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- templates
- sample worksheets
- work plans
- webinar presentations
- spreadsheet of training courses

These pages provide example documents to assist quality managers and other laboratory staff who need to implement new policies and procedures as they move towards ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation. The Accreditation webpages can be accessed via the Food Safety Program website: www.aphl.org/aphlprograms/food/laboratory-accreditation/pages. Some of the resources gathered from laboratories are password-protected. Please create a free “My APHL” account to register for these resources. Any suggestions for additional resources to be included are welcome.

Online Discussion Board

A Food and Feed Laboratory Accreditation Discussion Board was created to serve as an online forum for laboratory professionals to exchange information related to the process of becoming accredited to the ISO/IEC 17025:2005 standard. Over 65 individuals currently participate in the Discussion Board. Over 50 separate topics have been posted since the Board’s inception. Discussion Board participants can set alerts for posts and comments to be delivered to an email inbox. Access the Discussion Board at: <https://www.aphlweb.org/istsrv/FFTABoard/Page/Home.aspx>. If you are requesting access for the first time, a dialog box will pop up on the screen with further instructions.

Contacts

If you have any question on how to join the Discussion Board or access the accreditation resources, please send an email to foodsafety@aphl.org.

