

## R215 – SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: TEXAS DOH INDOOR AIR QUALITY TESTING LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

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This document describes the accreditation requirements applicable to laboratories performing preparation and analysis of mold associated with mold-related activities that affect indoor air quality. The objective of this accreditation program is to recognize those laboratories that have been found to be competent in meeting the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 and these program requirements. The Texas Department of Health (DOH) will recognize accreditations granted under this program.

### GENERAL CRITERIA

The general criteria for accreditation are contained in ISO/IEC 17025:2005, “General requirements for accreditation of testing and calibration laboratories”, as referenced in Part A of R101 - General Requirements: Accreditation of ISO/IEC 17025 Laboratories.

### SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Specific criteria are generally an elaboration on or interpretation of the general criteria plus those requirements of accreditation applicable to a certain field of testing, testing technology, type of test, or specific test. These specific criteria are contained in the Texas Department of Health, Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules 295.301-295.338. This rule became effective May 16, 2004 and is available at the Texas Department of Health’s web site: [www.tdh.state.tx.us](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us). Testing laboratories seeking accreditation under this program shall:

- Section 295.317 (c) (2), Mold analysis activity at the laboratory is overseen by a full-time mycologist or microbiologist with either:
  - (A) an advanced academic degree; or
  - (B) at least two years of experience in mold analysis.
- Section 295.326 (d) A licensed mold analysis laboratory shall maintain copies of the results, including the sample identification number, of all analysis performed as part of a mold assessment or mold remediation for three years from the date of the sample analysis.

## PROFICIENCY TESTING

Testing laboratories accredited under this program requirement shall participate in the American Industrial Hygiene Association Environmental Microbiological Proficiency Analytical Testing (EMPAT) program. Refer to R103 – General Requirements: Proficiency Testing for ISO/IEC 17025 Laboratories and the associated R103a – Annex: Proficiency Testing for ISO/IEC 17025 Laboratories.

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