DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Current List of HHS-Certified Laboratories and Instrumented Initial Testing Facilities 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 and Instrumented Initial Testing Facilities (IITF) currently certified to meet the standards 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); September 30, 1997 (62 FR 51118); April 13, 2004 (69 FR 19644); November 25, 2008 (73 FR 71858); December 10, 2008 (73 FR 75122); April 30, 2010 (75 FR 22809); and on January 23, 2017 (82 FR 7920).

The Mandatory Guidelines were initially developed in accordance with Executive Order 12564 and section 503 of Public Law 100–71. The “Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs,” as amended in the revisions listed above, requires strict standards that laboratories and IITFs must meet in order to conduct drug and specimen validity tests on urine specimens for federal agencies.

To become certified, an applicant laboratory or IITF must undergo three rounds of performance testing plus an on-site inspection. To maintain certification, a laboratory or IITF must participate in a quarterly performance testing program plus undergo periodic, on-site inspections.

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

In accordance with the Mandatory Guidelines dated January 23, 2017 (82 FR 7920), the following HHS-certified laboratories and IITFs meet the minimum standards to conduct drug and specimen validity tests on urine specimens:

HHS-Certified Instrumented Initial Testing Facilities

Dynacare, 6628 50th Street NW, Edmonton, AB Canada T6B 2N7, 780–784–1190 (formerly: Gamma-Dynacare Medical Laboratories).

HHS-Certified Laboratories


Alero Toxicology Services, 1111 Newton St., Gretna, LA 70053, 304–361–8999/800–433–3823 (Formerly: Kroll Laboratory Specialists, Inc., Laborator Specialists, Inc.).

Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, 1 Veterans Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55417, 612–725–2088, Testing for Veterans Affairs (VA) Employees Only.

Pacific Toxicology Laboratories, 9348 DeSoto Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311, 800–328–6942, (Formerly: Centinela Hospital Airport Toxicology Laboratory).


Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, 3700 Westwind Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403, 800–255–2159.


* The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) voted to end its Laboratory Accreditation Program for Substance Abuse (LAPSA) effective May 12, 1998. Laboratories certified through that program were accredited to conduct forensic urine drug testing as required by U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. As of that date, the certification of those accredited Canadian laboratories will continue under DOT authority. The responsibility for conducting quarterly performance testing plus periodic on-site inspections of those LAPSA-accredited laboratories was transferred to the U.S. HHS, with the HHS’ NLCP contractor continuing to have an active role in the performance testing and laboratory inspection processes. Other Canadian laboratories wishing to be considered for the NLCP may apply directly to the NLCP contractor just as U.S. laboratories do.

Upon finding a Canadian laboratory to be qualified, HHS will recommend that DOT certify the laboratory (Federal Register, July 16, 1996) as meeting the minimum standards of the Mandatory Guidelines published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2017 (82 FR 7920). After receiving DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of HHS-certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act (SAFETY Act)

AGENCY: Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection; Request for comment. (Extension of a Currently Approved Collection, 1640–0001).

SUMMARY: S&T will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The DHS S&T currently has approval to collect information using the forms: Registration of a Seller as an Anti-Terrorism Technology (DHS Form 10010), Request for a Pre-application Consultation (DHS Form 10009), Notice of License of Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology (DHS Form 10003), Notice of Modification of Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology (DHS Form 10002), Application for Transfer of SAFETY Act Designation and Certification (DHS Form 10001), Application for Renewal Of SAFETY Act Protections of a Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology (DHS Form 10007), Application for SAFETY Act Developmental Testing and Evaluation Designation (DHS Form 10006), Application for SAFETY Act Designation (DHS Form 10008), Application for SAFETY Act Certification (DHS Form 10007), SAFETY Act Block Designation Application (DHS Form 10005), and SAFETY Act Block Certification Application (DHS Form 10004) until June 30, 2019 with OMB approval number 1640–0001. The information collection activity will determine if a technology merits SAFETY Act protections. The information requested in the collection instruments are necessary to address not only the criteria and conditions for SAFETY Act Designation and Certification, but also to address other items of note that may be necessary for the Secretary, or their Designee to make their decision.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and accepted until August 7, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer, via electronic mail to dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: DHS/S&T/OCIO Program Manager: Bruce Davidson, bruice.davidson@HQ.DHSGOV or 202–254–5729 (Not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SAFETY Act Program collects this information in order to evaluate anti-terrorism technologies, based on the economic and technical criteria contained in the Regulations Implementing the Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act (6 U.S.C. 441), for protection in accordance with the Act, and therefore encourage the development and deployment of innovative anti-terrorism products and services. The SAFETY Act enacted as part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107–296. The program provides legal liability protections for providers of qualified anti-terrorism technologies. The collected information is used by S&T to facilitate the evaluation of SAFETY Act applications received from any person, firm, or other entity that provides an anti-terrorism technology. S&T provides a secure website, accessible through www.SAFETYAct.gov, through which the public may submit the information collection, however; the public has the option of providing the information via hardcopy forms that via mail to the program office. The data collection forms have standardized the collection of information that is both necessary and essential for DHS. The Act applies to a broad range of technologies, including products, services, and software, or combinations thereof.

DHS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. DHS is soliciting comments on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) that is described below. DHS is especially interested in public comments addressing the following issues: (1) Is...