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## *Nelson Laboratories Receives 17025 Accreditation*

Salt Lake City, UT- Nelson Laboratories, Inc. is proud to announce that they have obtained ISO 17025:2005 accreditation through ACLASS Accreditation Services. The audit was performed January 5-7, 2009.

“As a company, we are continually focused on providing value through quality,” said Jeffery Nelson, President/CEO of Nelson Laboratories. “This means that we provide the high standard in quality that our clients need while still ensuring the delivery of the value and service that they expect.” Accreditation to the 17025 standard provides the substance that is needed to have credibility with domestic and international regulatory authorities. We are happy to provide this solution to our clients as we help them improve the quality of life.”

The technical competency of the laboratory was assessed on a number of factors, including:

- The qualifications, training, and experience of the staff
- The correct equipment – properly calibrated and maintained
- Adequate quality assurance and quality control procedures
- Appropriate sampling practices
- Sound testing and/or inspection procedures
- Accurate recording and reporting of data
- Appropriate testing environment

“We had our clients in mind when deciding to obtain accreditation so that we could provide them with a greater confidence level in choosing a laboratory to perform their testing. Accreditation measures competency, traceability, and uncertainty of measurement, which provides  $\geq 95\%$  confidence level in the data we generate,” said Sherri Robbins, Nelson Laboratories Director of Regulatory Affairs.

Nelson Laboratories, Inc. was previously certified to the ISO 17025 standard. The standard - published by the International Organization for Standardization - specifies the general requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories. Obtaining accreditation by a third-party is a more rigorous process and demonstrates the company’s competency with the tests included in the assessment scope and with specific conformity assessment tasks. The following tests were included in the final accreditation scope:



- Standard plate counts
- Antimicrobial preservative effectiveness
- Bioburden
- Limulus Amebocyte Lysate (LAL)
- Barrier testing
- Biological indicator sterility
- Product sterility
- Water purity analysis (TOC, Conductivity, pH)
- Ethylene oxide (ETO) residual analysis
- Particulates

Clients can find a copy of the certifications and a detailed chart on the classification of tests to which ISO 17025:2005 accreditation was achieved at <http://www.nelsonlabs.com/docs/nelsoncertifications.pdf>.