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WQA made a 'stakeholder' of laboratory accreditation group Move expands international acceptance of lab's efforts

LISLE, Illinois -- The International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation has accepted the Water Quality Association as a stakeholder, a decision that confirms the solid reputation of the WQA lab to companies worldwide.

"We are pleased that our new role in this prestigious organization will help give businesses even more confidence in our facility," said Tom Palkon, director of the lab.

ILAC is an international cooperation of laboratory and inspection accreditation bodies formed more than 30 years ago to help remove technical barriers to trade. Accreditation bodies around the world, which have been evaluated by peers as competent, have signed an arrangement that enhances the acceptance of products and services across national borders.

According to ILAC, "accreditation allows people to make an informed decision when selecting a laboratory, as it demonstrates competence, impartiality, and capability. It helps to underpin the credibility and performance of goods and services."

Stakeholders of ILAC include representative international, regional, and national organizations.

At the WQA laboratory, products are tested to independent NSF/ANSI standards and earn Gold Seal certification if all requirements of the standard and Gold Seal policies are met. The Gold Seal program is the oldest third-party testing and certification program in the drinking water treatment industry. It has become one of the most recognized certification marks as an identifier of product quality.

For more information about Gold Seal, contact Melissa Tonsor at mtonsor@wqa.org or (630) 505 0160.

WQA is a not-for-profit association that provides public information about water treatment issues and also trains and certifies professionals to better serve consumers. WQA has more than 2,500 members internationally.

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