

## U.S. Fire Administration / National Fire Academy

*Coffee Break Training***Topic: Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories**

**Learning objective:** The student shall be able to obtain a list of nationally recognized testing laboratories.

Fire and building officials are confronted from time to time with the need for professional product, equipment, process or chemical testing, inspection, and evaluation services. The model codes refer to the term “nationally recognized” testing laboratories, but give little selection guidance.

The Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Directorate of Science, Technology, and Medicine Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities maintains a list of its “nationally recognized testing laboratories.” The labs on its list may be retained to determine that specific equipment and materials meet consensus-based safety standards to provide the assurance that these products are safe for use in the U.S. workplace.

Testing laboratories selected from the list also may be used to evaluate products, equipment, processes, materials, or chemicals to verify compliance with model building and fire codes and standards. The code official has the authority to approve a testing laboratory from this list or other test facilities that he or she approves.

**OSHA Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories**

Testing Laboratory	Telephone	World Wide Web Address
Applied Research Laboratories, Inc.	305-624-4800	www.arl-test.com
Canadian Standards Association	416-747-4000	www.csa.ca
Communication Certification Laboratory, Inc	801-972-6146	www.cclab.com
Curtis-Straus LLC	978-486-8880	www.curtis-straus.com
Electrical Reliability Services, Inc.	925-485-3420	www.eticonformity.com
FM Approvals LLC	781-762-4300	www.fmglobal.com
Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.	800-345-3851	www.intertek-etlsemko.com
MET Laboratories, Inc.	800-638-6057	www.metlabs.com
National Technical Systems, Inc.	978-263-2933	www.ntscorp.com
NSF International	800-673-6275	www.nsf.org
SGS U. S. Testing Company, Inc	973-575-5252	www.sgs.com
Southwest Research Institute	210-684-5111	www.swri.org
TUV America, Inc.	978-739-7000	www.tuvam.com
TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.	203-426-0888	www.tuv.com
Underwriters Laboratories Inc.	847-272-8800	www.ul.com
Wyle Laboratories, Inc.	256-837-4411	www.wylelabs.com



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For additional information on testing laboratories and the latest OSHA list, visit the OSHA Web site at: [www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html#nrtls](http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html#nrtls)