American Council of Independent Laboratories

Enhancing Public Health and Safety Through Quality Testing and Engineering

Food Sciences (incl. Cannabis Working Group)
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“The ability to network, learn, and be a part of this community has been vital to our company’s success and growth.”

--Jim Kuhn, President, Atlantic Testing Laboratories
Who We Are

ACIL is the trade association representing independent, commercial scientific and testing laboratories. Our members are professional services firms engaged in testing, product certification, consulting, and research and development. Affiliated membership is available to manufacturer’s laboratories, consultants, and suppliers to the industry.

What We Do

Advocacy

As an independent laboratory owner who has suffered unfair competition, I was pleased to learn that ACIL’s Government Relations Committee is tackling this issue with S.2990 and H.R. 5329, legislation to establish a statutory process for review of commercial activities. This legislation does not mandate privatization; however, it does establish a process for agency review of in-house commercial activities.
- Ray Klouda, Elite Testing Services

Laboratory Referrals

Adding new customers. We can do that thanks to the leads we’ve gotten through ACIL.
- Steve Koster, Washington Labs

Many manufacturers from all over the world that are looking for qualified labs, reach out via ACIL’s website. We were able to assist with some inquiries and as a consequence, our membership pays for itself.
- Steve Elliott, MTC

Education

I would normally have to spend several hundred dollars to receive the same information contained in these webinars.
- Jeff King, Keystone Laboratories

I can directly link our success to the monthly discussions. If you’re wondering the best approach to a problem, it’s great to talk with those who have already solved your current dilemma.
- Jerry Singh, RTI Laboratories

At ACIL’s Annual Meeting, industry leaders from all over the country gather in one location to learn, share, and make the industry better. Members take advantage of keynote speakers, best practice workshops, an industry tradeshow, section meetings and a host of fun networking events.

Members receive complimentary HR consulting, along with substantial discounts for instrumentation/supplies from various companies, including Thermo Fisher, Agilent, Pickering Labs, and more...

During our P2 Meeting (Policies and Practices), ACIL members have a seat at the table with key Government Agency representatives, as well as all the major Accrediting Bodies.

ACIL provides access, a united voice, and representation to those that set policies and regulations, allowing members to receive industry information in advance of broader industry communication. Additionally, this meeting provides best practice education and a day spent on Capitol Hill meeting with key congressional members and staff.

When FDA issued their proposed rule to establish a laboratory accreditation program for food testing as required by the Food Safety Modernization Act, ACIL immediately engaged the FDA regarding their rule and tirelessly worked to ensure the Act’s statutory language was implemented and enforced. Thank you ACIL for your continued leadership on this important issue.
- Jeff Abels, FTS Labs

When PFAS water contamination became an even bigger more recognized issue, ACIL got me a seat next to the PFAS Congressional Taskforce Chair, Brian Fitzpatrick. That access on Capitol Hill is paramount to me and my industry.
- Judy Morgan, Pace Analytical

Educating members of Congress and their staff about my laboratory and the importance it has on engineering America’s infrastructure is why I’m a long-term member of ACIL!
- Greg Schmidt, GeoTest

Other Services

• ACIL’s Independence Mark - recognition of a lab’s independence
• Personnel Certification Program - soil testing technician certification via NETTCP
• Customer Quality Service Award - independent customer survey, recognizing and awarding lab with great customer and quality service
• Accredited EMC Proficiency Testing - the ONLY accredited proficiency testing program in the U.S. for EMC laboratories

Cannabis Working Group

In 2019, ACIL published a Cannabis Testing Recommendations Document that has been issued to all members of Congress and their staff, highlighting the insights and guidance from the testing industry experts regarding best practices for testing cannabis and its products.
- Bruce Godfrey, The Montrose Environmental Group

When USDA issued their Hemp Interim Final Rule, ACIL immediately scheduled a meeting with key decision makers at the Agency to relay our thoughts and concerns. USDA then modified their proposed rules less than a week later, in line with our recommendations. That’s the value of ACIL -- it has access to and the respect of federal agencies and regulators.
- Zach Eisenberg, Anresco Laboratories