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    Patrick Hiland

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To:

    Keith Greenaway

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Description:

    Request acceptance of commercial calibration to ISO/IEC 17025 - ACLASS
    Accrediation Services

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September 26, 2007

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Patrick Hiland, Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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RE: Commercial Calibration to ISO/IEC 17025
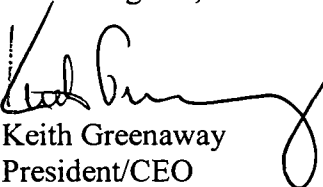
Dear Patrick Hiland:

I am writing this letter seeking assistance in accepting ACLASS Accreditation Services as an acceptable accreditation body for the accreditation of commercial calibration laboratories to ISO/IEC 17025. ACLASS currently has several customers supplying and/or attempting to supply commercial calibration services for the nuclear industry.

ACLASS is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation's (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement. Being a signatory demonstrates technical competence in the accreditation of calibration and testing laboratories. It also indicates that ACLASS accreditations are equivalent to those accreditations issued by NVLAP and A2LA.

Currently your policy indicates that a laboratory providing commercial calibration services to the nuclear industry must be ISO/IEC 17025 accredited by an ILAC signatory. Unfortunately, it further stipulates only A2LA and NVLAP are acceptable. As I mentioned above, we are a signatory to the ILAC MRA and thus our accreditations are equivalent to accreditations issued by A2LA and NVLAP.

I kindly request that you accept ACLASS Accreditation Services as an acceptable accreditation body for ISO/IEC 17025 accredited commercial calibration providers.

Warm Regards,

Keith Greenaway
President/CEO

Cc: Sherry Grier
      James Dyer