

are part of the normal process for granting an NRTL a renewal of its recognition, and in this case, ENT's recognition.

ENT seeks recognition for testing and certification of products to demonstrate compliance to the following 18 test standards, and OSHA has determined the standards are appropriate, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7(c). OSHA recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to products for which OSHA standards require third party testing and certification before use in the workplace.

ANSI/UL 187	X-Ray Equipment
ANSI/UL 563	Ice Makers
ANSI/UL 867	Electrostatic Air Cleaners
ANSI/UL 916	Energy Management Equipment
ANSI/UL 924	Emergency Lighting and Power Equipment
UL 962	Household and Commercial Furnishings
ANSI/UL 1069	Hospital Signaling and Nurse-Call System
ANSI/UL 1088	Temporary Lighting Strings
ANSI/UL 1236	Battery Chargers
ANSI/UL 1418	Implosion-Protected Cathode-Ray Tubes for Television-Type Appliances
ANSI/UL 1472	Solid-State Dimming Controls
ANSI/UL 1492	Audio and Video Equipment
ANSI/UL 1564	Industrial Battery Chargers
ANSI/UL 1573	Stage and Studio Lighting Units
ANSI/UL 1638	Visual Signaling Appliances
UL 1993	Self-Ballasted Lamps and Lamp Adapters
ANSI/UL 2044	Commercial Closed Circuit Television Equipment
UL 3044	Surveillance Closed Circuit Television Equipment

The designations and titles of the above test standards were current at the time of the preparation of this notice.

Limitations on the Recognition

The following limitations apply to the recognition of the Taiwan facility:

a. The Taiwan facility shall be limited to carrying out minor mechanical and electrical testing of instruments and small appliances.

b. Performance of inspections shall be limited to Entela personnel.

Preliminary Finding on the Application

ENT has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. In connection with this request, OSHA did not perform an on-site review of ENT's NRTL testing facilities. However, NRTL Program audit staff reviewed information pertinent to the request, and in a memo dated September 9, 1998 (see Exhibit 16), recommended that ENT's recognition be expanded to include the additional 18 standards listed above.

Following a review of the application file, the auditor's recommendation, and other pertinent documents, the NRTL Program staff has concluded that OSHA can grant, to the Entela, Inc. facilities listed above, the expansion of recognition to use the additional 18 test standards, with the limitations to be applied as noted. The staff therefore recommended to the Assistant Secretary that the application be preliminarily approved.

Based upon the recommendation of the staff, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that the Entela, Inc. facilities listed above can meet the recognition requirements, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7, for the expansion of recognition, subject to the above limitations. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether ENT has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment must consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider it, OSHA must receive the comment at the address provided above (see ADDRESSES), no later than the last date for comments (see DATES above). You may obtain or review copies of ENT's request, the recommendation on the expansion, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL-2-93, the permanent record of public information on ENT's recognition.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments, and after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant ENT's expansion request. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the expansion, and in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings that are prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, DC this day of 28th day of October, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL-1-88]

MET Laboratories, Inc., Application Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of MET Laboratories, Inc. for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory under 29 CFR 1910.7, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

DATES: Comments submitted by interested parties must be received no later than January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments concerning this notice to: Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N3653, Washington, D.C. 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program at the above address, or phone (202) 219-7056.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Application

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that MET Laboratories, Inc. (MET), has applied for expansion of its current recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). MET's expansion request covers the use of additional test standards. OSHA recognizes an organization as an NRTL, and processes applications related to such recognitions, following requirements in § 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Appendix A to this section requires that OSHA publish this public notice of the preliminary finding on an application.

MET's previous application as an NRTL covered the renewal and an expansion of its recognition (61 FR 41661, August 6, 1996), which OSHA granted on November 20, 1996 (61 FR 59114).

The current address of the MET testing facility already recognized by OSHA is: MET Laboratories, Inc., 914 West Patapsco Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

General Background on the Application

MET has submitted a request, dated June 3, 1998 (see Exhibit 20A), to expand its recognition as an NRTL for additional test standards. MET provided some additional information related to its request on August 21, 1998 (see Exhibit 20B). MET will notify OSHA, as stated in this letter, regarding a change in its existing capability to perform explosion tests. Relatedly, OSHA intends to impose limitations on the testing permitted under certain test standards.

MET seeks recognition for testing and certification of products to demonstrate compliance with the following 17 standards, and OSHA has determined the standards are appropriate, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7(c). OSHA recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to products for which OSHA standards require third party testing and certification before use in the workplace.

ANSI/UL 5 Surface Metal Raceways and Fittings
ANSI/UL 50 Enclosures for Electrical Equipment
ANSI/UL 65 Electric Wired Cabinets
ANSI/UL 201 Garage Equipment
ANSI/UL 482 Portable Sun/Heat Lamps
ANSI/UL 514A Metallic Outlet Boxes, Electrical
UL 664 Commercial Dry-Cleaning Machines (Type IV)
ANSI/UL 698 Industrial Control Equipment for Use in Hazardous (Classified) Locations¹
UL 775 Graphic Arts Equipment
ANSI/UL 886 Outlet Boxes and Fittings for Use in Hazardous (Classified) Locations¹
ANSI/UL 1017 Vacuum Cleaning Machines and Blower Cleaners
ANSI/UL 1018 Electric Aquarium Equipment
ANSI/UL 1054 Special-Use Switches
ANSI/UL 1203 Explosion-Proof and Dust-Ignition-Proof Electrical Equipment for Use in Hazardous (Classified) Locations¹
ANSI/UL 1310 Direct Plug-In Transformer Units
ANSI/UL 1573 Stage and Studio Lighting Units
ANSI/UL 6500 Audio/Visual and Musical Instrument Apparatus for Household, Commercial, and Similar General Use

Preliminary Finding on the Application

MET has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. In connection with this request, OSHA did not perform an on-site review of MET's NRTL testing facilities. However, NRTL Program audit staff reviewed information pertinent to the request, and in a memo dated September 9, 1998 (see Exhibit 21),

recommended that MET's recognition be expanded to include the 17 additional test standards listed above.

Following a review of the application file, the auditor's recommendation, and other pertinent documents, the NRTL Program staff has concluded that OSHA can grant, to the MET Laboratories, Inc. facility listed above, the expansion of recognition to use the additional 17 test standards. The staff therefore recommended to the Assistant Secretary that the application be preliminarily approved.

Based upon the recommendations of the staff, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that the MET Laboratories, Inc. facility listed above can meet the requirements, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7, for the expansion of recognition. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether MET has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment must consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider it, OSHA must receive the comment at the address provided above (see **ADDRESSES**), no later than the last date for comments (see **DATES** above). You may obtain or review copies of MET's request, the recommendation on the expansion, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL-1-88, the permanent record of public information on MET's recognition.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments, and after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant MET's expansion request. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the expansion, and in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings that are prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 28th day of October, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL-3-90]

Southwest Research Institute, Applications for Renewal and Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the applications of Southwest Research Institute for renewal and for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory under 29 CFR 1910.7, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of these applications.

DATES: Comments submitted by interested parties must be received no later than January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments concerning this notice to: Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N3653, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, at the above address, or phone (202) 219-7056.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Application

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) has applied for renewal and for expansion of its current recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). SwRI's expansion request covers the use of additional test standards. OSHA recognizes an organization as an NRTL, and processes applications related to such recognitions, following requirements in § 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Appendix A to this section requires that OSHA publish this public notice of the preliminary finding on an application.

When first recognized, OSHA identified the Department of Fire Technology as the SwRI unit to which the recognition would, and still does, apply. The renewal and expansion will continue to apply primarily to this part of SwRI, although part of the recognition, such as the requirement for independence, applies to SwRI as a whole.

¹ Testing and certification of products under this test standard is limited to Class I locations. Explosion testing is also limited to current test chamber capabilities.