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**From:** Robert Gladhill [robert.gladhill@nist.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 01, 2000 8:54 AM  
**To:** Bowyer, Matt E.  
**Cc:** Subhas Malghan  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: NIOSH use of authorize labs.

At the present time I do not think there is any laboratory accreditation program in the U.S. for the type of equipment you reference. I would suggest that you work with one or more of the U.S. accreditation bodies, A2LA, L.A.B. (private sector) or NVLAP (NIST) to develop specific criteria for the test labs in question and let the accreditors develop and offer an accreditation program for such laboratories based on ISO Standard 17025. The noted accreditation bodies presently have programs to support FCC, EPA, HUD, NRC, DOD and probably other agencies regulatory programs. In each case the regulatory agency works with the accreditors to establish the specific sectoral criteria to be applied to the laboratories of interest.

NVCASE is a NIST program that recognizes accreditation bodies, however in the area of laboratory accreditation there is a new private sector organization called NACLA (National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation) which recognizes laboratory accreditors in the U.S., NVCASE works with NACLA when U.S. Government recognition is required.

If you need further information please contact me.

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At 08:01 AM 8/1/00 -0400, you wrote:

>Bob;

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>Please respond.

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>>Dr. Malghan,

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>>I'm a Quality Assurance Specialist with NIOSH's Respiator Branch, which

>>certifies respirators. As a government institute we are looking for ways to

>>streamline our process. One of which, is to utilize private sector

labs to

>>conduct our testing. How would the NVCASE program benefit us, as far

as,

>>using a existing Conformity Assessment Program? I would appreciate

any help

>>I can get.

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>>Thx

>>Matt Bowyer

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