



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **PJLA Accredits the industry's first Field Sampling and Measurement Organization under the TNI National Environmental Field Activities Program (NEFAP)**

We are proud to announce that PJLA has accredited its first Field Sampling and Measurement Organization to ***ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and to the TNI Volume 1 General Requirements for Field Sampling and Measurement Organizations***. The full system assessment was completed on May 14-15, 2012 and consisted of an assessment of the organization's quality management system, technical requirements and PJLA technical policies.

PJLA would like to thank our client, [Beacon Environmental Services, Inc.](#) for participating in the start up of this program. Beacon Environmental Services, Inc., located in Bel Air, Maryland, provides air, as well as soil gas, sampling and analytical testing services in support of environmental investigations and vapor intrusion assessments. They are accredited for ***ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and TNI Volume 1*** for Soil Gas and Air Sampling and also for ***ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and Department of Defense Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (DoD ELAP), QSM Version 4.2*** for their Soil Gas and Air Testing Services.

The TNI National Environmental Field Activities Program (NEFAP) is designed for the accreditation of Field Sampling and Measurement Organizations. This program outreaches to various types of sampling organizations such as but not limited to the following matrices: Air, Solids, Water, Biological and Chemical Waste. The TNI NEFAP is a new program developed and maintained by the many efforts of regulators, industry experts and third-party accreditation bodies, such as PJLA. The program consists of its own procedures and processes for accrediting Field Sampling and Measurement Organizations (FSMO), including a recognition committee for the approval of third-party accreditation bodies. The recognition for ILAC accreditation bodies is a two step process that includes an off-site documentation review and an on-site technical evaluation of the assessment. Among all of the NEFAP accreditation bodies, PJLA is the only accrediting body that has now completed both of these steps and is awaiting our final approval by the NEFAP Recognition Subcommittee. We expect that this will be completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012. PJLA maintains our preliminary recognition status as before until such final recognition is achieved.

*"This is a great growth opportunity for PJLA. We are grateful to be part of this program and look forward to expanding our client base. Being that this program is the only available accreditation scheme for field sampling and measurement organizations, we foresee that the quality of samples and measurements results will improve over time in the environmental industry. Now that the first FSMO has achieved accreditation we hope to see more organizations make the effort to embrace this program. This will assist with consistency among all organizations within the environmental industry."* -Tracy Szerszen, President/Operations Manager

If you would like further information regarding our NEFAP, please feel free to visit our website at [www.pjlabs.com](http://www.pjlabs.com) or contact our headquarters office at 1-877-369-5227.