



## Proficiency Testing Information

### Important Changes in Your PT Program

With the impending withdrawal of some Federal Government Agencies from the Proficiency Provider program, AccuStandard will also be withdrawing from PT program, effective June 1, 2005. AccuStandard will continue to offer the internal QC tests, [Water Supply \(WS\)](#) and [Water Pollution \(WP\)](#) AT and AV products but will no longer be administering Studies.

To provide all of your analytical needs, AccuStandard will continue to supply Chemical Reference Standards, while Analytical Products Group, Inc. (APG) supply Proficiency Test Materials.

APG understands that a smooth transition from AccuStandard's proficiency testing program is critical to meeting your accreditation requirements. APG has the same NIST/NVLAP accreditation as AccuStandard and operates programs that meet all USEPA and NELAC wastewater, drinking water, DMRQA, microbiological, and soils requirements. APG's study schedule parallels AccuStandard's, ensuring you can maintain your current proficiency testing schedule.

For more than 24 years, APG's business has been to assist laboratories with quality improvement. In 2005, APG introduced an online PT reporting system which allows you to track your accreditations and trend your PT data, all at no cost to you. If you wish, APG can add your AccuStandard PT data to this system so that you can maintain your PT history. AccuStandard is working closely with APG to assist you in this important transition and together we offer a comprehensive line of Quality Assurance products and services to meet your future analytical testing needs.

To place your orders for future PT studies, contact Jon Brownfield at APG at 800.272.4442 or email [J.Brownfield@apgqa.com](mailto:J.Brownfield@apgqa.com).

If you need any help making this transition easier, please contact the customer service department at either AccuStandard or APG.

AccuStandard looks forward to continuing to provide the most comprehensive line of Chemical Reference Standards. We have recently been audited to meet the requirements of ISO 17025, we are adding new products to meet upcoming environmental regulations and testing requirements such as Flame Retardants (PBDEs) and their metabolites, new Explosives, Allergens and many other exciting new products.

Sincerely,

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