Material Testing Laboratories Task Group

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About PRI

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PRI is a **not-for-profit** affiliate of SAE International and is led by a Board of Directors with responsibility for strategic direction and financial stability.
Established PRI Programs

Accreditation (Qualification)
- Nadcap NUCAP
  Special Process, System and Product Qualification

Product Qualification
- Qualified Products List is similar to Nadcap.
  Focuses on Products rather than processes.

Professional Development
- Provides personnel qualification, developed and managed by industry.
  Improves the quality of personnel, products and processes through public and onsite training classes and memberships.

Management Systems
- ANAB approved Registrar committed to improving the quality of Personnel, Products & Processes
  AS9100, ISO9000, ISO14001

Industry Managed
- Complementary
### PRI Historical Highlights

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<td>Government/Industry Equal Partner Conference identifies the need to minimize redundant process audits</td>
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<td>SAE launches PRI as a separately incorporated 501(c)6. Nadcap launched. 5 NDT audits conducted</td>
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<td>1992</td>
<td>GEAE and Allied Signal mandate Nadcap to NDT supply chain. 70 NDT Audits conducted</td>
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<td>Heat Treat, Welding, Chemical Processing, Coatings, Material Test Labs added</td>
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<td>PRI Registrar created to provide QMS/EMS in support of existing qualification programs</td>
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<td>Nadcap Europe established with U.K. office</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Board approved exploration of new industry models: Transportation &amp; Power Generation, Nuclear and Medical Devices.</td>
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<td>Approximately 5000 audits for all special processes across all industry-managed programs</td>
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Nadcap Definition

The leading, worldwide industry-managed cooperative program of major companies designed to manage a cost effective consensus approach to special processes/products and provide continual improvement within the aerospace industry.

Compliance – Control – Cost Savings – Risk Reduction
PRI & Nadcap Organizational Structure

Policy

Board of Directors

Tactical

Nadcap Management Council (NMC)

Technical

Task Groups

Special Processes
- Nondestructive Testing,
- Materials Testing,
- Heat Treating, Coatings,
- Chemical Processing,
- Welding, NMSE, Non Metallic Materials Testing & Conventional Machining
- Measurement & Inspection

Systems & Products
- Electronics,
- Sealants, Elastomer Seals,
- AQS (AC7004),
- Fluid Distribution Systems & Composites

Supplier Support Committee (SSC)

Executive Leaders
- Legal entity
- Fiduciary responsibility
- Set policy
- Provide the vision

Senior quality leaders & managers
- Oversee operation of Nadcap
- Establish/implement policy & procedure
- Task group coordination & development
- Identify/develop/deploy improvement

Technical Experts
- Determine requirements
- Develop documents
- Accept corrective action
- Final decision on accreditation

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Nadcap OEMs

- AgustaWestland
- U.S. Air Force
- AIRBUS
- AEROLIA
- AIRBUS DEFENCE & SPACE
- AIRBUS HELICOPTERS
- Alenia Aeronautica
- BAE Systems
- Bell
- Beechcraft
- Boeing
- Bombardier
- China商飛
- COMAC
- FACON Aerospace
- EMBRAER
- GE Aviation
- Avio aerospace propulsion
- GENERAL DYNAMICS
- GSA
- GKN Aerospace
- Honeywell
- IAI
- GROUP LATECOERE
- Liebherr Aerospace
- LOCKHEED MARTIN
- MTU Aero Engines
- Northrop Grumman
- Parker Aerospace
- Raytheon
- Rockwell Collins
- Rolls-Royce
- Safran Aerospace-Defence-Security
- Spirit Aerosystems
- Textron Systems
- Bell Helicopter
- Cessna
- THALES
- Triumph Group, Inc.
- UTC Aerospace Systems
- Hamilton Sundstrand
- Pratt & Whitney
- Pratt & Whitney Canada
- Sikorsky
Nadcap Accreditation Today

Special Processes
- Non-Destructive Testing
- Welding
- Chemical Processing
- Heat Treating
- Materials Testing Laboratories
- Measurement & Inspection
- Coatings
- Non-Conventional Machining
- Conventional Machining as a Special Process
- Surface Enhancement
- Non Metallic Materials Testing
- Non Metallic Materials Manufacturing

Systems & Products
- Aerospace Quality Systems
- Electronics
- Composites
- Fluid Distribution Systems
- Elastomer Seals
- Sealants
- Raw Materials
- Castings & Forgings

Future Processes

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Nadcap Process Flow

• OEMs reach consensus on core audit criteria
• OEMs mandate Nadcap to supply chain as part of the supplier approval process
• Suppliers schedule and pay for the audit
• PRI contracts OEM approved Auditors who conduct on-site process audits to industry managed checklist
• Audit data is entered into eAuditNet (PRI’s in-house web based audit management system)
• PRI Staff Engineers review the audit report packages and work with Suppliers to close non-conformances
• Task Groups review audit packages, identify issues and vote to grant accreditation or request additional actions
• OEMs work with PRI to measure program effectiveness and continually assess and improve Nadcap for all participants
Benefits to OEMs

• Conduct more in-depth, **technically superior** special process audits
• Increases number of **consistent audits** of the supply chain
• Establish stringent industry consensus standards that **satisfy the requirements** of all participants
• Identify and **reduce** risk of exposure to lower-quality suppliers
• Provides industry-wide **early warning advisories** for potential product impact and escapes (defective products)
• Provides complete **visibility** of supplier behaviors and transparency of audit results in a secure and retrievable format
• Program **reduces costs** of supply chain oversight and control
• Utilizes technically superior auditors to **assure process familiarity**
• Effectiveness of OEM’s Quality team increased – able to look **beyond baseline requirements** and focus on problem areas and suppliers
• **Improves flow down** of industry and customer requirements to sub-tier suppliers
• eAuditNet supports procurement to **identify accredited suppliers** (Qualified Manufacturers List)
• Global Supply Chain managed through **single real-time system** (eAuditNet)
Benefits to Suppliers

- Provides routine special process audits accepted by industry.
- *85% report supplier quality improvements after accreditation, including more than one-third reducing scrap rates, reworks and escapes (defective products).
- Promotes lean and continuous improvement practices, leading to higher quality and lower overall cost.
- Industry accepted and consistent technical requirements leading to uniform process controls and greater operational efficiency.
- Develops a structured approach to special process and product manufacturing.
- Can use accreditation to increase client-base.
- Opportunity to participate in development of audit criteria and program operations.

*Aerospace data
Nadcap Meetings

• Nadcap has 3 meetings per year.
  – February
  – June/July
  – October – Auditor training is typically aligned with this meeting.

• Next Nadcap Meeting
  – June 23-27, 2014 Dublin, Ireland
  – October 20-24, 2014 Pittsburgh, PA USA
  – March 2-6, 2015 Berlin, Germany
Material Testing Laboratories Task Group

• Implementation Date – 1993
  – First appeared in a Nadcap meeting Attendee’s Guide
    • APRIL 1992

– Years in existence – 22
MTL Vision
Materials Testing Laboratories Task Group Vision

The MTL Task Group will use technically competent, fully prepared auditors to conduct consistent, streamlined audits of subscriber requirements using audit criteria which emphasize observation of technical testing and reliance on ISO/IEC17025/AS/EN/JISQ 9100 accreditation to provide thorough oversight of technical aspects of aerospace materials testing. The TG strives to use best practices within MTL and among other commodities to reduce subscriber audits, improve inter-and intra-laboratory comparisons, enhance supplier and auditor preparation, and conduct TG business with clear goals and strong participation from all members in a well organized and documented manner.

• “Streamlined" means avoid redundancy, eliminate waste of the process, clear objectives and expectations, efficient use of time
• "fully prepared" includes proper training, pre-audit prep, personal experience
• "strong participation" means TAG (Technical Advisory Groups) quorum and support for resolution, providing TG direction with clear goals, vocal/voting participation in the meetings, effective communication with NMC
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Current Activities MTL

• Re-organization of Nadcap MTL Documents
  – Review/Revise All MTL AC checklists for NOP-002 Compliance.
  – Development/Maintenance of MTL TG Audit Handbook
    • Implementation of the TAG (Technical Advisory Groups) process

• IPT/PTP/RR Requirements
  – The MTL Task Group is working to more thoroughly define the requirements for
    • Internal and External Proficiency Testing (requirement/frequency)
    • Acceptance of Proficiency Testing Providers

• Auditor Consistency
  – Address NMC standardization activities
Current Activities MTL

Last Meeting Activity

- Review Subscriber responsibilities and expectations:
  - Completed the review
  - Subscribers requested access to the slides
  - Will conduct periodic review of responsibilities in the meetings.

- Review major activity and feedback from previous meeting:
  - TG indicated this was a desirable activity to continue for future meetings.
  - Paris feedback indicated desire for more technical discussions and group sessions.
  - TG adopted proposal to present technical topics each full day of the meeting.
  - Group sessions planned for London meeting on MTL Vision, Checklist Vision, and getting suppliers more engaged in auditor training.
Current Activities MTL

Last Meeting Activity

- **Continue definition of MTL checklist revision process:**
  - Process was reviewed
  - Oversight Committee met
  - Process evolution to continue in next meeting.

- **Continue checklist revision for NOP compliance:**
  - Reviewed balloted AC7101/1 and prepared it for next ballot.
  - Reviewed AC7101/2 in preparations for NOP compliance and alignment with MTL Vision.
  - AC7101/1, /3, /4 planned for balloting Dec 2013.
  - AC7101/5, /6, /7, /11 planned for group work in London Feb 2014.
  - TG adopted proposal to create Handbook Supplements for each checklist which will link the new criteria to the old criteria along with applicable source requirements (satisfying NOP-002), auditor guidance, and reasons for change. Ad-hoc team was created to generate Excel files.
Current Activities MTL

Last Meeting Activity

- **TAG activity summary:**
  - TAGs reported with activity in /1, /5, /9.
  - TAG process reviewed.

- **Report on new standard creation activity:**
  - Considerable discussion about why this is needed and it might be valuable to the industry. Kick-off for activity planned for January 2014.

- **Fastener test discussion:**
  - A group led by Bryan Hall was established with an action plan to move forward.

- **Action plan to reach the MTL Vision:**
  - Group activity on segments of the Vision helped identify areas of focus toward action plans.

- **Re-test, etc discussion:**
  - Kay Fisher provided the basis for three discussions on retests, replacement tests, invalid tests, etc. resulting in Handbook definition revisions and proposed changes to the audit criteria.
Current Activities MTL

Last Meeting Activity

• **New audit checklist:**
  • Sieve analysis was accepted for new audit criteria.
  • TG opted to place the criteria in a new checklist entitled something similar to “audit criteria for physical properties evaluation”.
  • A team was established and Verl Wisehart volunteered to be the lead.

• **Heat Treat TG MOU proposals:**
  • The HT TG proposed an MOU to allow MTL auditors to audit the AMS2750 related criteria when applicable to lab furnaces not using load thermocouples.
  • MOU prepared for adoption in London Feb 2014.

• **NTGOP-001 APP MTL ballot resolution:**
  • Process for PT/IRR issues refined and TG authorized PT TAG to handle all PT/IRR matters.
Current Checklist Revision Status

- **AC7101/1F** - Completed Task Group and NMC ballot. Projected for audit after September 1, 2014

- **AC7101/2D** - Initial 45 day letter ballot to complete June 22, 2014. Then ballot comment resolution

- **AC7101/3D** – Completed 45 day letter ballot. Addressing ballot comments. The 14 day Task Group affirmation ballot then NMC ballot.
Current Checklist Revision Status

• **AC7101/4E** – 14 day affirmation ballot to conclude May 20, 2014

• **AC7101/5D** – 45 day letter ballot to conclude June 5, 2014

• **AC7101/12** – Physical Analysis - Proposed new checklist. 45 day letter ballot to conclude May 17, 2014
MTL Applicable Checklists

- AC 7101/2 Chemical Analysis

  - Document contains specific requirements for:
  - Atomic Emission Spectroscopy
    - DCP, ICP, Spark/Arc (OES), and Glow Discharge. High Temperature Hollow Cathode
  - Elemental (Combustion/Fusion)
    - Carbon, Sulfur, Oxygen, Nitrogen, Hydrogen
  - X-Ray Fluorescence
  - Mass Spectroscopy
    - Glow Discharge, ICP
  - Atomic Absorption
    - Graphite Furnace, Flame
MTL Applicable Checklists

- AC 7101/1  General Requirements For Materials Testing Laboratory Accreditation Program
- AC 7101/3  Mechanical Testing
- AC 7101/4  Metallography and Microindentation Hardness
- AC 7101/5  Hardness Testing (Macro)
- AC 7101/6  Corrosion
- AC 7101/7  Mechanical Testing Specimen Preparation
- AC 7101/8  Differential Thermal Analysis (DTA) For Metals Only
- AC 7101/9  Specimen Heat Treating
- AC 7101/11 Fastener Testing
- AC 7006  Equivalent ISO/IEC 17025 Requirements
MTL Top NCRs for AC7101/2C

All Audits from January – December 2013
## AC7101/2 – Overall Findings

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a. Analytical methods utilize reference materials which have documented traceability of analysis.

b. Non-certified reference materials have documented multiple analyses against certified reference materials or wet chemical analysis.

c. Calibration for testing is established using certified reference materials.

d. All reference materials used for calibration are traceable to NIST, or other nationally or internationally recognized sources.

e. For analysis methods that do not use analytical curves, calibration is performed before each test group using Certified Reference Materials.
# BALLOTED AUDIT CRITERIA

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4.1 Certified Reference Materials have documentation showing

- Values for each certified element
- Uncertainty values for each element certified OR have values for the analytical standard deviation for each element certified
- Metrological traceability

• Older CRM’s do not carry uncertainty data. See ASTM E2857 paragraph 6.2.4.3-1 “Reference Materials (typically older ones) may be provided with certificates of analysis that do not provide uncertainty estimates for the assigned values. Some such certificates may include the tabulated results from the collaborating analysts. In that case, the standard deviation of the tabulated values may be informative as an incomplete estimate of uncertainty”.
4.2 Analytical calibration curves are traceable to Certified Reference Materials

- Certified reference materials are not always available for every point and range of every calibration curve. Therefore there are points on calibration curves that will be established using well-characterized (known) materials. This audit criteria is not meant to exclude the use of other materials in establishing calibration curves. The key point is that the curve has traceability to certified reference materials generally, and not that each point on the curve is directly attributable to a CRM. Objective evidence of a suitable calibration curve can be seen in the PTP results as well.)
## AC7101/2 Figure 1
Laboratory Capability Matrix

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AC7101/2 D 2.1 Guidance

• This audit criteria provides objective evidence for Figure 1 and for test method validation. The auditor need only review a sampling of this data. It is not necessary to review data for every element for every test code.

• For an initial audit and any add scope audits, It is recommended that Figure 1 is reviewed thoroughly. And on any reaccreditation audits the auditor would review a sampling of the data and any changes.
Material Testing Laboratories Task Group

Questions

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