

General Statement of Qualifications

Paracel Laboratories Ltd. is a privately owned and operated Canadian company and was founded in 1985. Our multidisciplinary capabilities primarily include the analyses of waters, soils, solids and air for environmental, indoor air quality and research projects.

Mission Statement

Paracel Laboratories provides environmental analytical services and technical support with a commitment to meet or exceed client expectations. Through sound science, quality management and innovative thinking, our goal is to consistently produce legally defensible data within turnaround times that set new industry standards.

The Quality System

The Quality System provides a mechanism for monitoring the overall performance of the analytical laboratory. The systematic review and auditing of the Quality System provides the foundation for Paracel's continuous improvement program. Continuous improvement helps the laboratory realize its policy and quality objectives thereby providing a safe and healthy environment as well as a profitable and sustainable business. The management and staff of Paracel Laboratories are committed to and fully support all aspects of the Quality System.

Paracel's Quality System has been modeled after and standardized through the adoption of the **ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Standard**. Laboratories meeting the requirements of this Standard comply, for testing activities, with the relevant requirements of the ISO 9000 Series of Standards, including those of the model described in ISO 9002 when they are acting as suppliers producing test results. The management of Paracel is committed to good professional practice, quality of its service and compliance with the quality objectives of ISO/IEC 17025:2005.

Accreditation

Paracel is accredited by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation Inc. (CALA) for specific environmental tests listed in the scope of accreditation registered with this association. Paracel is also accredited by CALA and the National Institute of Standards and Technology/National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NIST/NVLAP) for asbestos analysis. Paracel's Quality System is accredited to the ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Standard. Paracel's drinking water

accreditation includes metals and major anions and is held through CALA. A copy of our CALA Scope of Accredited Tests and Registered Proficiency Tests can be downloaded from CALA's website at <http://www.cala.ca/scopes/1262.pdf>. The NIST/NVLAP Scope for our Ottawa location can be downloaded from <http://ts.nist.gov/Standards/scopes/2008120.htm> and the Scope for the Mississauga location can be downloaded at <http://ts.nist.gov/Standards/scopes/2008630.htm>.

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