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Memorandum for the Record
From: Matt E. Bowyer
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On Feb. 28, 1997, a meeting was held with the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) in Morgantown, WV. The attendees were: Matt Bowyer, Roland Berry Ann, John Dower, Sam Terry and Paul Schlecht from NIOSH and Fred Grunder, Tom Nelson, and Jim Johnson from AIHA.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide both organizations with a better understanding of each others current process and discuss the use of third party testing.

In the course of the meeting, the following information was discussed:

1. NIOSH's current Certification Process.
2. AIHA's accreditation program, which incorporates ISO Guide 25 and 58.
3. AIHA stated that NIOSH would need to identify critical requirements, if AIHA were to accredit labs.
4. AIHA stressed the need for the use of independent (no Manufacturer ties) third party labs.
5. AIHA denounced manufacturer's self-certifying. The initial NFPA program was used as an example.
6. NIOSH stated if a program is developed it will start as a pilot program.
7. AIHA stated that they would provide a copy of their MOU with the EPA for our review.