



AIHA Proficiency Analytical Testing Programs Update

Technical Comment - IHPAT 191 Asbestos

In order for a set of results to be approved for the round they must first pass scoring acceptance criteria. Some of the criteria used include distribution of the participant's data, comparison of the reference means versus the round targets, percentage of unacceptable results, the percent high versus low unacceptable results, large proportion/cluster of outliers, and the overall error rate compared to past rounds. When a data set fails to meet multiple scoring criteria checks, all program participants receive a full credit score for the sample.

This scoring deviation is noted in the table on page 3 of each participant's IHPAT 191 results report. The Round Score includes the full credit for IHPAT 191 sample 3 and is denoted with asterisks and the following note: ****Asbestos - Statistics for asbestos sample 3 did not meet the acceptability criteria so all participants have been awarded 1 point for the sample.**

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