

collected on the implementation of the program from interviews with program staff, observations of services, and focus groups with program participants. Data also is collected using a Participant Tracking System developed specifically for the study. The impact evaluation involves comparing outcomes of members of the program group with outcomes of members of the control group. Data on these outcomes is collected from Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefit records and quarterly wage records, and two follow-up surveys that occur approximately 6 months and 18 months after random assignment. The benefit-cost analysis involves placing a dollar value on all impacts of the program and comparing them with the dollar value of the costs.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of ETA, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

This is a notice to extend the collection period that is currently approved by OMB (1205-0444 expires December 31, 2006).

The data for the impact analysis comes from UI benefits and wage records in the three states, a computer-based Participant Tracking System developed for the demonstration and used in the seven sites, and follow-up surveys conducted twice with the expected sample of 4,000 individuals who apply for Project GATE. The follow-up surveys, which are the subject of this notice, are conducted by

telephone approximately 6 and 18 months following the GATE application. These voluntary surveys collect data unavailable from administrative records. The first survey is designed to collect detailed information about sample members' participation and experiences in receiving self-employment services, their experiences starting a business, their experiences in jobs working for someone else, their receipt of public assistance, and some background data on their socio-economic and demographic characteristics. The second survey is designed to collect their experiences in self-employment and developing small businesses, their experiences in jobs working for someone else, and their income and receipt of public assistance.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Partnership for Self-Sufficiency: Growing America Through Entrepreneurship (GATE).

OMB Number: 1205-0444.

Affected Public: Individuals of households.

Total Respondents: 400.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 267.

	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Burden (hours)
GATE 18-month follow-up survey (in 2007)	400	Once	400	40	267
Totals	400	Once	400	40	267

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 11, 2006.

Maria K. Flynn,

Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL1-88]

MET Laboratories, Inc., Application for Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of MET Laboratories, Inc., for expansion of its recognition to use additional test standards, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding to grant this request for expansion. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of this application.

DATES: You must submit information or comments, or any request for extension of the time to comment, by the following dates:

• *Hard copy:* postmarked or sent by September 1, 2006.

• *Electronic transmission or facsimile:* sent by September 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit information or comments to this notice—identified by docket number NRTL1-88—by any of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• *OSHA Web site:* <http://ecommencements.osha.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on OSHA's Web page.

• *Fax:* If your written comments are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

• *Regular mail, express delivery, hand delivery and courier service:* Submit three copies to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. NRTL1-88, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-2625, Washington, DC 20210; telephone

(202) 693–2350. (OSHA's TTY number is (877) 889–5627). OSHA Docket Office hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., EST.

Instructions: All comments received will be posted without change to <http://dockets.osha.gov>, including any personal information provided. OSHA cautions you about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and birth dates.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dockets.osha.gov>. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the OSHA Web page and for assistance in using the Web page to locate docket submissions.

Extension of Comment Period: Submit requests for extensions concerning this notice to the Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–3655, Washington, DC 20210. Or, fax to (202) 693–1644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–3655, Washington, DC 20210, or phone (202) 693–2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Application

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that MET Laboratories, Inc. (MET) has applied for expansion of its current recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). MET's expansion request covers the use of additional test standards. OSHA's current scope of recognition for MET may be found in the following informational Web page: <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/met.html>.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization has met the legal requirements in § 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products "properly certified"¹ by the

NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition or for expansion or renewal of this recognition following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. We maintain an informational Web page for each NRTL, which details its scope of recognition. These pages can be accessed from our Web site at <http://www.osha-slc.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

The most recent notice published by OSHA specifically related to MET's recognition granted an expansion of its NRTL scope, which became effective on December 5, 2005 (70 FR 72470).

The current address of the MET facility already recognized by OSHA is: MET Laboratories, Inc., 914 West Patapsco Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21230.

General Background on the Application

MET has submitted an application, dated August 23, 2005 (see Exhibit 39–1) to expand its recognition to include 10 additional test standards. MET later amended its application through a follow-up request to add 10 more test standards (see Exhibit 39–2). The NRTL Program staff has determined that each of these 20 standards is an "appropriate test standard" within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910.7(c). However, one standard is already included in MET's scope. Therefore, OSHA would approve 19 test standards for the expansion.

MET seeks recognition for testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the following test standards:

- UL 82 Electric Gardening Appliances
- UL 234 Low Voltage Lighting Fixtures for Use in Recreational Vehicles
- UL 298 Portable Electric Hand Lamps
- UL 588 Seasonal and Holiday Decorative Products
- UL 867 Electrostatic Air Cleaners
- UL 917 Clock-Operated Switches
- UL 987 Stationary and Fixed Electric Tools
- UL 1081 Swimming Pool Pumps, Filters, and Chlorinators
- UL 1090 Electric Snow Movers

- UL 1363 Relocatable Power Taps
- UL 1447 Electric Lawn Mowers
- UL 1448 Electrical Hedge Trimmers
- UL 1450 Motor-Operated Air Compressors, Vacuum Pumps, and Painting Equipment
- UL 1559 Insect-Control Equipment—Electrocution Type
- UL 1563 Electric Spas, Equipment Assemblies, and Associated Equipment
- UL 1662 Electric Chain Saws
- UL 1776 High-Pressure Cleaning Machines
- UL 1994 Luminous Egress Path Marking Systems
- UL 2089 Vehicle Battery Adapters

OSHA's scope of recognition of MET, or any NRTL, for a particular test standard is limited to equipment or materials (*i.e.*, products) for which OSHA requires third-party testing and certification before use in the workplace. Consequently, if a test standard also covers any product(s) for which OSHA does not require such testing and certification, an NRTL's scope of recognition does not include that product(s).

Many UL test standards are approved as American National Standards by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). However, for convenience, we use the designation of the standards developing organization for the standard as opposed to the ANSI designation. Under our policy, any NRTL recognized for an ANSI-approved test standard may use either the latest proprietary version of the test standard or the latest ANSI version of that standard. You may contact ANSI to find out whether or not a test standard is currently ANSI-approved.

Preliminary Finding on the Application

MET has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. In connection with this request, OSHA did not perform an on-site review of MET's NRTL testing facilities. However, NRTL Program assessment staff reviewed information pertinent to the request and recommended that MET's recognition be expanded to include the additional test standards listed above (see Exhibit 39–3). Our review of the application file, the assessor's recommendation, and other pertinent documents indicate that MET can meet the requirements, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7, for expansion of its scope to include the additional test standards listed above. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether MET has

¹Properly certified means, in part, that the product is labeled or marked with the NRTL's "registered" certification mark (*i.e.*, the mark the

NRTL uses for its NRTL work) and that the product certification falls within the scope of recognition of the NRTL.

met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. Should you need more time to comment, you must request it in writing, including reasons for the request. OSHA must receive your written request for extension at the address provided above no later than the last date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 30 days, unless the requester justifies a longer period. We may deny a request for extension if it is not adequately justified. You may obtain or review copies of MET's requests, the on-site review report, other pertinent documents, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N-2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. Docket No. NRTL1-88 contains all materials in the record concerning MET's application.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments and, after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant MET's expansion request. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the expansion and, in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings that are prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR Section 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, DC this 9th day of August, 2006.

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL1-98]

National Technical Systems, Inc.; Application for Renewal of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of National Technical Systems, Inc., (NTS) for renewal of its recognition, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding to grant this request. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the renewal application.

DATES: You must submit information or comments, or any request for extension of the time to comment, by the following dates:

- *Hard copy:* postmarked or sent by September 1, 2006.
 - *Electronic transmission or facsimile:* sent by September 1, 2006.
- ADDRESSES:** You may submit information or comments to this notice—identified by docket number NRTL1-98—by any of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• *OSHA Web site:* <http://ecomments.osha.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on OSHA's Web page.

• *Fax:* If your written comments are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

• *Regular mail, express delivery, hand delivery and courier service:* Submit three copies to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. NRTL1-98, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-2625, Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350. (OSHA's TTY number is (877) 889-5627). OSHA Docket Office hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., EST.

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Extension of Comment Period: Submit requests for extensions concerning this notice to the Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-3655, Washington, DC 20210, or, fax to (202) 693-1644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-3655, Washington, DC 20210, or phone (202) 693-2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Renewal Application

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that National Technical Systems, Inc., (NTS) has applied for renewal of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). The NTS renewal request covers its existing scope of recognition. OSHA's current scope of recognition for NTS may be found in the following informational Web page: <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otcpa/nrtl/nts.html>.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization has met the legal requirements in § 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products "properly certified"¹ by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition or for expansion or renewal of this recognition following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. We maintain an informational Web page for each NRTL, which details its scope of recognition. These pages can be accessed from our Web site at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otcpa/nrtl/index.html>.

The most recent notice published by OSHA specifically related to the NTS recognition granted its NRTL status, which became effective as noted below. However, OSHA issued a notice to modify the scope of a number of NRTLS to replace or delete withdrawn test standards (70 FR 11273, March 8, 2005). NTS was one of those NRTLS.

The current address of the NTS facility already recognized by OSHA is: National Technical Systems, Inc., 1146

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