



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON EIA TESTING

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Friendly Reminder:

USDA Veterinary Service's "**Approval of Laboratories to Conduct EIA Testing**" VSG 15201.1 was released OCT 15, 2019 and is in full effect. Any and all grace periods have expired.

All practitioners who conduct EIA testing will be affected by the new requirements.

- The complete document, and additional information, can be found on our EIA webpage <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth-eia>, choose: EIA Documents and References.

Approved EIA laboratories are required to accept samples only from Category II veterinarians, who are authorized to perform accredited duties, in the state in which samples were obtained.

- Your National Accreditation Number (NAN) must be on every test form.
- To check your Accreditation status, category, renewal date & state authorization(s):
Click: Check My Accreditation Status at
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/ct_areavet

There is a new requirement to use only USDA VS approved forms, which include the VS 10-11, VSPS e10-11 and multiple State or third party providers.

- As of April 24 2020 the current, paper, version of the VS 10-11 is marked "VS FORM 10-11, FEB2018" in the lower left hand corner. Earlier versions are no longer acceptable for submissions. Out of date forms should be destroyed and discarded.
- For questions, or supplies of paper VS 10-11s, please contact your APHIS-VS District office https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/contacts/field-operations-districts.pdf.
- The VSPS service and the e10-11 are free to use <https://vsapps.aphis.usda.gov/vsps/>.
- The complete, written (narrative) description of the animal is required; tattoos, brands, microchips, whorls and scars must all be recorded. Leave no fields blank - use "NONE".
- **NOTE:** Your entry in field #5 on the VS 10-11, (location of animal) should reflect the current home premises of equine: ranch/farm/stable/market" and your entry in field #6 should reflect the county of home premises of equine.

Approved EIA laboratories are required to forward all non-negative test samples to NVSL.

- The ELISA test is deliberately sensitive and some false positive results are expected.
- This may delay your results up to 5 days; please modify your client's expectations and plan accordingly.

Samples may come only from animals located in the U.S.A. (select labs may accept imported samples).



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