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*1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445  
Austin, Texas 78701*

September 4, 2015

Dr. Ernest D. Lykissa  
ExperTox  
1803 Center Street, Suite A  
Deer Park, Texas 77356

RE: Accreditation Certificate (Enclosed) and Accreditation Point of Contact

Dear Dr. Lykissa:

Enclosed please find a certificate from the Texas Forensic Science Commission describing your accreditation status under Texas law effective September 1, 2015. You will note this is a similar certificate to the certificate of accreditation previously issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety ("DPS").

The Commission has obtained the information in the attached certificate from DPS, but we are still in the process of transferring historical accreditation-related documents for each laboratory to the Commission. Therefore, if any of the information is inaccurate or requires updating, please let us know as soon as possible so we may ensure current and accurate information in our records.

Please note you are currently listed as the Accreditation Point of Contact for your laboratory. If you are not the Accreditation Point of Contact or would like to appoint a different Accreditation Point of Contact for future accreditation-related communications with the Commission, please email the information to Leigh Tomlin at [leigh@fsc.texas.gov](mailto:leigh@fsc.texas.gov).

The Commission has updated its website to provide information on the Accreditation Program, including a specific tab with detailed information. The section has two PDF tabs: one for "Labs Inside of Texas" and another "Labs Outside of Texas." We will be updating information contained in the PDF links once per week until we are able to generate a function on the website that allows the public to search by laboratory, forensic discipline, type of laboratory (federal, state, county, city, private) and location (city, state). The searchable database project is currently in development, so please continue to check the website for updates as we move forward.

We appreciate your patience during the transition of the Accreditation Program from DPS to the Commission. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact Leigh Tomlin at [leigh@fsc.texas.gov](mailto:leigh@fsc.texas.gov).

Sincerely,



Vincent J. DiMaio



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RE: Application for Texas Forensic Science Commission Accreditation under Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651.

Dear Dr. Lykissa:

With some exceptions, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 38.35, requires Texas Forensic Science Commission (FSC) accreditation as a predicate to the admission of the forensic analysis of physical evidence and expert testimony relating to the evidence in a criminal case.

As the designee of the Texas Forensic Science Commission Presiding Officer, I have considered your application based on your national accreditation from CAP and grant full FSC Accreditation to Armstrong Forensic Laboratory, Inc. for the following disciplines:

*Toxicology*

The term of CAP accreditation is from 7/29/2014 to 7/29/2016 unless they have extended their accreditation as part of a routine renewal process. **The term of FSC accreditation is from 9/1/2015 until such time that the accreditation from CAP is no longer current.**

FSC accreditation is contingent upon compliance with Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651, including requirements of reporting correspondence, reports or communication between the laboratory and the accrediting body. FSC accreditation will be automatically rescinded at the same date and time as CAP withdraws your laboratory accreditation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leigh M. Tomlin". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Leigh M. Tomlin  
FSC Accreditation Program Administrator