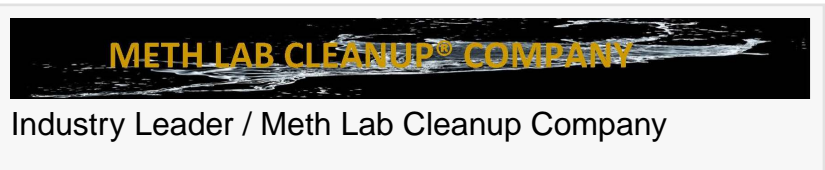


Meth Lab Cleanup® Company is celebrating a decade of clandestine drug lab assessment and decontamination services.

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ATHOL, IDAHO, UNITED STATES, December 24, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Athol, ID: [Meth Lab Cleanup® Company \(MLCC\)](#) is a privately owned company providing professional environmental services throughout the United States. The company, established in 2003, specializes in clandestine drug lab assessment, decontamination, consultation and training.[1] It is owned and operated by Joe and Julie Mazzuca who have extensive experience in clandestine lab assessment and decontamination. [2] Joe Mazzuca leads MLCC's operational efforts and he is certified as a contractor, decontamination specialist and trainer and he has completed over 5000 illegal drug lab consultations, residue tests and property decontaminations with MLCC. In addition to his experience Mr. Mazzuca has over 25 years of experience as a safety professional in hazardous environments and he has been widely cited as an expert in print, [3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12] broadcast [13,14,15,16,17,18,19] and online media [20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29]. Julie Mazzuca specializes in strategic planning, cost tracking and budgeting, project scheduling and resource management and contract administration. Ms. Mazzuca is a Registered Professional Industrial Hygienist and is a certified contractor, decontamination specialist and trainer in a number of states. She has more than 20 years of experience with environmental program and project management, regulatory compliance gained through work with Meth Lab Cleanup® Company, the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense. [2] Both Mr. and Ms. Mazzuca have been featured speakers at a variety of national conferences [30,31,32,33,34] and offers accredited expert witness testimony [35] for both plaintiffs and defendants and consults on insurance claims.

Clandestine drug lab testing services are provided by MLCC through both self-service kits and through on-site testing by certified specialists. Two self-service kits are offered by Meth Lab Cleanup® Company. The first, Methassure®, is a meth residue test that is analyzed by an independent laboratory accredited by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Agency (SAMSHA) [36]. This test is quantitative and will determine exactly how much methamphetamine residue is present on a surface within two days of receipt at the lab.

The second test method offered by Meth Lab Cleanup®, Accumeth®, is an immediate, semi-quantitative immunoassay test which is targeted towards law enforcement, real estate professionals, Industrial Hygienists, home inspectors, landlords, home buyers and renters, remediation professionals and health departments [37]. Accumeth® detects meth residue contamination levels of 0.1 micrograms per 100 square centimeter which is the most recognized standard in the US.[38] The Accumeth® test is nonhazardous and can be disposed of as household waste.

In situations where extensive or routine testing is required, MLCC offers the Black Box Reader™ to quantify and document the Accumeth® test results [39]. The Black Box is an electronic monitoring device that reads Accumeth® test results and provides a direct numerical readout of the results in 15 seconds and fits in the palm of your hand. Results from up to 100 tests can be uniquely identified and stored for later download to a computer. After results are downloaded, the device can be reused indefinitely for additional testing.

Meth Lab Cleanup® Company also provides full service on-site illegal drug lab assessment and decontamination at sites throughout the United States [1]The assessment begins with a review of law enforcement records to determine the nature and extent of illegal production or use on the site. Following the record review, the decontamination specialist inspects the property to identify hazards and conducts surface wipe sampling to determine meth residue levels.

On the basis of the site assessment and wipe sampling, MLCC develops a work plan to dispose of hazardous materials, contaminated household debris and all items requiring special handling. All debris is then disposed of in compliance with local, State and Federal requirements. All rooms are then vacuumed 3-times using a high energy particulate air (HEPA) vacuum. Walls are pre sprayed with an earth kind detergent, scrubbed with microfiber mops and rinsed (three wash/rinse cycles); wet vacuuming the effluents. The decontamination specialist then performs post remediation clearance testing. Upon completion of post remediation testing and standard compliance, MLCC's industrial hygienist prepares a legally defensible final report meeting the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) requirements and issues a "Fit for Use" certificate.

Training provided by Meth Lab Cleanup® Company includes specialized meth lab decontamination training; training for first responders and more general web based training for professionals that encounter hazardous materials in their work. The meth lab decontamination training offered by MLCC is a two day course certified by the states of Washington, Montana, Tennessee and West Virginia and is nationally recognized. The course content includes background information on methamphetamine manufacture, methamphetamine toxicology and hazards; personal protective equipment (PPE); site assessment and sampling; work plan development; decontamination methods and waste handling and final reporting.

The first responder's course is intended to give local and state law enforcement agencies the knowledge needed to perform initial characterization of suspected clandestine drug labs and to pack, store and dispose of waste generated during the initial response to a clandestine drug lab. Specific topics addressed in the eight hour course include field characterization; manifesting for transport; over packing for Department of Transportation (DOT) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) compliance; OSHA health and safety requirements; temporary storage requirements and supply requirements.

In addition to the classroom training described, MLCC offers a variety of web based training for environmental remediation professionals. These offerings include 40 hour initial Hazardous Waste Operations (HAZWOPER) training, 8 hour HAZWOPER refresher training; 8 hour HAZWOPER Supervisor training; Hazard Communication (HAZCOM) training; OSHA Respirator Training; Confined Space Training and Asbestos Awareness Training. Meth Lab Cleanup also offers an online methamphetamine screening course tailored to home inspectors. The course is accredited by the American Home Inspectors Association (AHIA), the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors, (InterNACHI) and the National Home Inspector Association (NHIA).

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