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A2LA Accredits Small Wind Certification Council Allows International Recognition of SWCC Ratings

Clifton Park NY — The Small Wind Certification Council ([SWCC](http://www.smallwindcertification.org)) has obtained ISO Guide 65 accreditation from the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation ([A2LA](http://www.a2la.org)) to certify small wind turbines to AWEA Standard 9.1-2009.

SWCC certifies small wind turbines against standards published by the American Wind Energy Association. Certification of wind turbines ensures that turbine designs are tested and evaluated according to industry standards for performance and safety.

Accreditation to ISO Guide 65 ensures the universal recognition of SWCC turbine certifications worldwide, while ensuring that certification activities are conducted impartially, systematically and in a uniform manner. Guide 65 ensures that the resulting product certifications are consistent with international standards and based on objective testing.

A2LA's accreditation of SWCC in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996, *General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems*, "demonstrates technical competence for a defined scope and the operation of a quality management system," according to A2LA President & CEO Peter Unger.

SWCC's accreditation certificate number 3299.01, valid through June 30, 2014, and accreditation scope are available at <http://www.a2la.org/scopepdf/3299-01.pdf>.

About SWCC

The SWCC is an independent, accredited certification body that certifies small wind turbines meet or exceed the requirements of the [AWEA Standard](http://www.a2la.org). SWCC certification is an independent confirmation that a small wind turbine has been tested and designed according to the requirements of the AWEA Standard. This certification provides a common North American standard for reporting turbine energy and sound performance, and helps small wind technology gain mainstream acceptance.

Consumer labels, ratings and summary reports for SWCC certified turbine models, including tabulated power curves, acoustic data, and tower design requirements, along with a complete list of SWCC pending applicant turbine models, are available at www.smallwindcertification.org/for-consumer. SWCC updates its [certified turbines table](#) and [application status table](#) on its website as milestones are reached.

Visit www.smallwindcertification.org or call 518-213-9440 for more information on SWCC certification.

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