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SUBJECT:	NCE Receives Only North American ABS Certification
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Noise Control Engineering Inc. (Billerica, MA) announces that it has received external specialist certification in “Ambient Environmental Testing” from the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS). NCE is the only company in North America and only one of four companies in the world to acquire such a certification. The certification includes measurements of noise, vibration, lighting, temperature and relative humidity.

In order to receive the certification, NCE was required to develop detailed procedures for testing the parameters listed above, along with a quality assurance plan and instrument calibration procedures. NCE has always laboratory calibrated its field instrumentation on an annual basis. However, a more rigorous methodology and process had to be put in place for ABS.

The “Ambient Environmental Testing” certification allows NCE to conduct testing to ABS standards: “*Guide for Crew Habitability on Ships*”, “*Guide for Crew Habitability on Offshore Installation*”, “*Guide for Passenger Comfort on Ships*” and the habitability portion of the “*ABS Rules for Building and Classing Naval Vessels*”.

NCE President Raymond Fischer stated, “Since the company’s inception, Noise Control Engineering has specialized in providing effective solutions for shipboard noise and vibration projects. We have helped quiet many ship compartments, correct vibration problems and reduced vessel underwater noise on many ships. While applying for the ABS certification, we found it would not be too much more work to include lighting and climate testing too. Nathan Jones did a great job of putting our application together which has resulted in this valuable recognition from ABS”.

For more information on the ABS External Specialist program go to ABS website:
www.eagle.org/prodserv/specialists/index.html.