

## Natrol® LLC Production Facilities Receive Highest NSF Grade

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Los Angeles, Ca. (NEWSWIRE) – After months of dedicated team work to meet new NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) audit standards that rolled out January 2019, Natrol was awarded an "A" at a recent 3-day NSF inspection of its dietary supplements' manufacturing facilities. NSF is an independent organization accredited to conduct facility audits to assess whether a company's manufacturing processes comply with <u>American National Standards for safety, quality, sustainability or performance</u>.

"Our goal with the NSF audit process is to make sure Natrol is registered by an independent company as meeting Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) requirements," said Edcel Ladiona, Natrol's Associate Director of Quality Assurance and Quality Control. "GMPs are guidelines that provide a system of processes, procedures and documentation to assure consumers that a product has the identity, strength, composition, quality and purity that appears on its label. The requirements\* have been developed in accordance with the FDA."

Getting an "A" was no minor task. New, more expansive guidelines and a new grading system were rolled out by NSF in January 2019 for dietary supplements production in the U.S. Prior to then, NSF audits were issued as either "Pass" or "Fail" and the guidelines were less extensive. The registration process can be reviewed on the NSF website here.

"Last year, we had 12 minor observations because NSF had just issued a new set of standards prior to our 2019 audit," explained Ladiona. "Examples of the new requirements now include having a food safety plan, a food defense plan, crisis management procedures, and a management review of quality systems. The NSF auditor recognized the leadership support and praised the organization as a whole."

Since the audit, Natrol has worked hard over the past year to make the necessary changes to meet or exceed the new requirements. "This year we couldn't be prouder of our operations team and leadership's support of our goals. Our hard work paid off. We were only assessed one minor observation and awarded the highest grade—an 'A'," Ladiona touted proudly. "If NSF issued plus and minus grades, we would have been given an 'A+'."

NSF Certificates for both Natrol production facilities can be viewed here.

\*The requirements are listed in Section 8 of NSF/ANSI 173 which is the only American National Standard in the dietary supplement industry.

## **About Natrol LLC**

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