

## Inspectorate Opens New Crude Oil Testing and Inspection Facility in Williston, North Dakota

### *Company Further Expands North American Footprint With State-of-the-Art Laboratory in the Bakken*

HOUSTON (May 20, 2014) – [Inspectorate](#), a core part of the Bureau Veritas Commodities Division, announced today the opening of a new analytical laboratory, specializing in the analysis of crude oil and gas produced from the Bakken shale play in North Dakota.

The new laboratory will provide support services for oil and gas drillers, shipping companies and traders needing real time data for crude oil quality in North Dakota. The facility will also provide measurement services and shipping services for sample transportation.

“Due to the increasing production of crude oil in the Bakken, it is imperative for Inspectorate to have strong local presence to support our clients and examine the quality of their product at all levels,” said Greg Wetmore, Regional Director, Inspectorate America Corporation.

“The opening of the Williston facility confirms to our clients our commitment to support their needs in the region,” said Kevin Somers, President, Inspectorate America Corporation. “With the opening of our first testing facility in North Dakota, Inspectorate now ventures into yet another new space to ensure best practices in testing and inspection are carried out in the booming shale industry.”

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