



## RESEARCH TRIANGLE INSTITUTE

National Laboratory Certification Program

January 26, 1999

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Ms. Lisa Tarnai  
Scientific Testing Labs  
463 Southlake Blvd.  
Richmond, VA 23236

Dear Ms. Tarnai:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the eighth maintenance inspection of your laboratory under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). Based upon our review of these reports, the laboratory's performance in this inspection is highly acceptable.

RTI is recommending to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that the laboratory's certification be continued based upon its acceptable performance in the inspection phase of the program. The laboratory must take steps to correct the issues cited above. The laboratory must also review the enclosed critique and take all necessary corrective actions. All corrective actions must be implemented within 30 days of receipt of this correspondence. It is *not necessary* for the laboratory to submit a written response to RTI. All corrective actions will be reviewed during the next inspection.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please call me at (919) 541-6176 or Dr. Michael Baylor at (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan D. Crumpton".  
Susan D. Crumpton  
NLCP Inspection Analyst

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Enclosure

cc: Project Files/M8

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## NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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### Document Review and Critique

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Laboratory I.D. Number: 0760  
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc.

Location: Richmond, VA

Document Reviewed:  Application Form  
 Inspection Report #M8  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10 December 1998

Status:  Highly Acceptable       Acceptable  
 Unacceptable                       Failure

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A review of the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) inspection reports has been completed. It is the judgment of the reviewers that the laboratory has met the standards required for the inspection phase of the Program.

There were a number of comments and observations generated as a result of the inspection that are detailed on the following pages for the attention of the laboratory before its next inspection.

Ver. Final

Lab ID# 0760

The following comments were noted, and appear in the same order as the corresponding questions in the Laboratory Inspection Report:

Section E. Standard Operating Procedures - Procedures Manual

Section F. Chain-of-Custody, Accessioning, and Security

Section G. Quality Control

Section H. Initial Tests

Section I. Confirmatory Tests

Section J. Records Audit

Ver. Final

Lab ID# 0760

Section K. Reporting

Section L. Computers, Software, and LIMS

Section M. Equipment and Maintenance

Section N. Personnel



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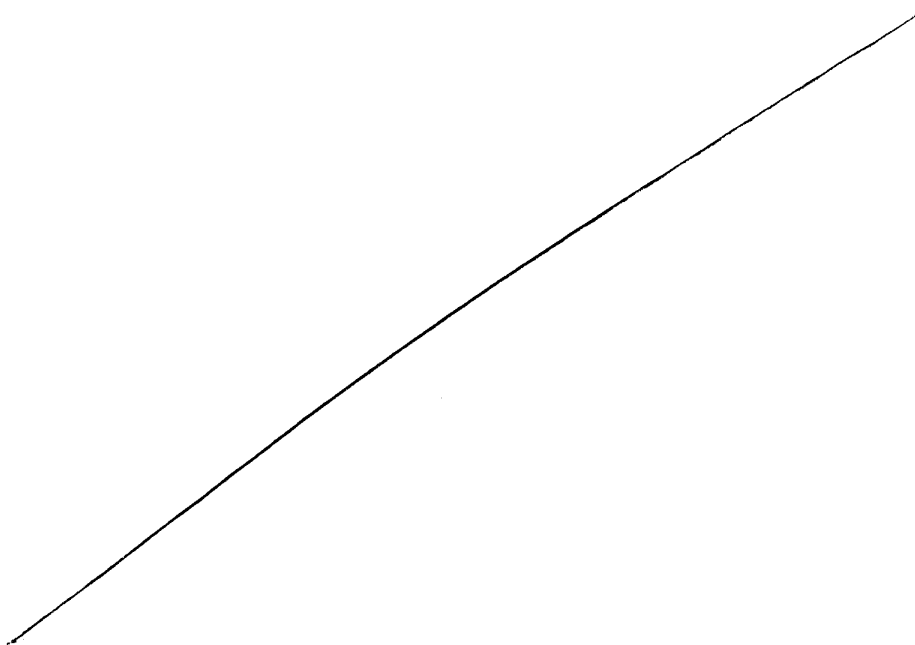
National Laboratory Certification Program

August 13, 1999

0760  
Ms. Lisa Tarnai  
Scientific Testing Labs  
463 Southlake Blvd.  
Richmond, VA 23236

Dear Ms. Tarnai:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the ninth maintenance inspection of your laboratory under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). Based upon our review of these reports, the laboratory's performance in this inspection is highly acceptable. However, the laboratory must correct/clarify the following issues raised:



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written response to RTI. All corrective actions will be reviewed during the next inspection.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please call me at (919) 541-6176 or Dr. Michael Baylor at (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,

  
Susan Crumpton  
NLCP Inspection Analyst

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## NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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### Document Review and Critique

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Laboratory I.D. Number: 0760  
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc.

Location: Richmond, VA

Document Reviewed:     Application Form  
                               Inspection Report #M9                      Date: 24 June 1999  
                               Other \_\_\_\_\_

Status:             Highly Acceptable             Acceptable  
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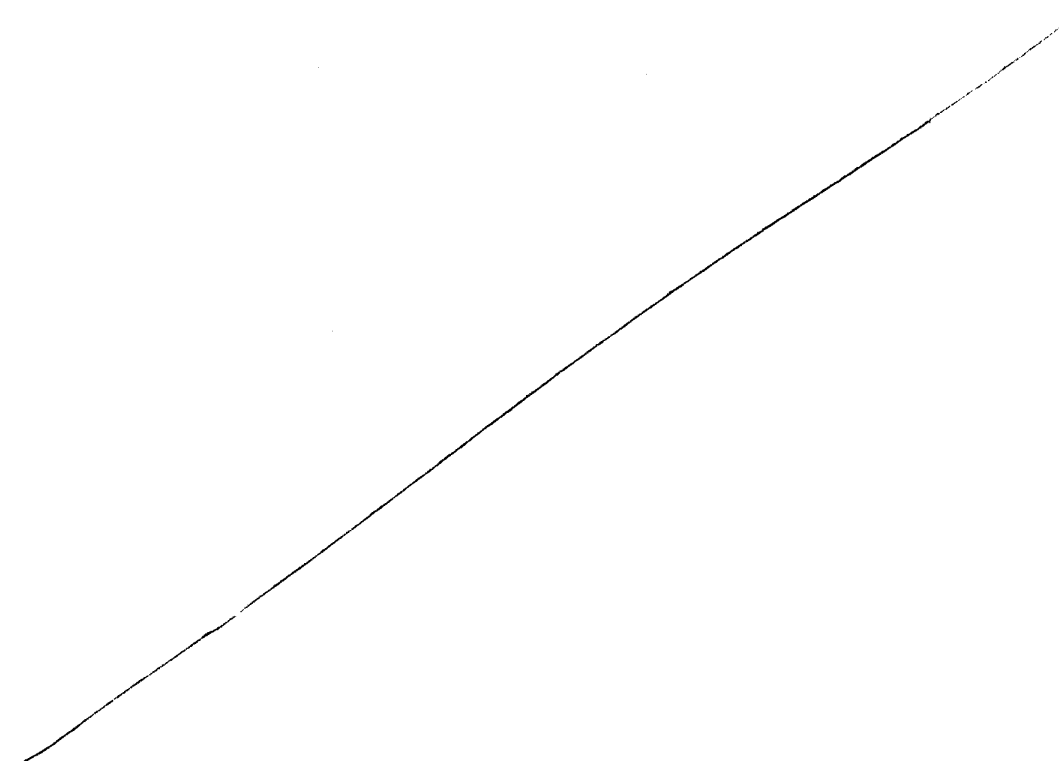
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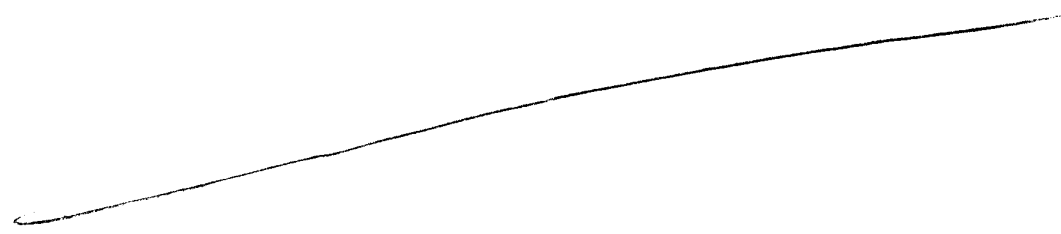
There were a number of comments and observations generated as a result of the inspection that are detailed on the following pages for the attention of the laboratory before its next inspection.

The following comments were noted, and appear in the same order as the corresponding questions in the Laboratory Inspection Report:

Section E. Standard Operating Procedures - Procedures Manual



Section F. Chain-of-Custody, Accessioning, and Security



Section G. Quality Control



Section H. Initial Tests



Section I. Confirmatory Tests



Section J. Records Audit

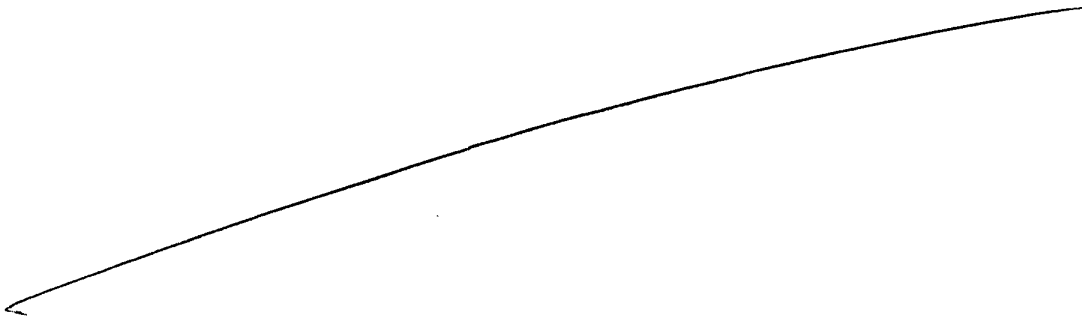


Section K. Reporting



Section L. Computers, Software, and LIMS

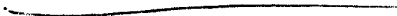




**Section M. Equipment and Maintenance**



**Section N. Personnel**



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National Laboratory Certification Program

January 24, 2000

0760  
Ms. Lisa Tarnai  
Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc.  
463 Southlake Blvd.  
Richmond, VA 23236

Dear Ms. Tarnai:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the tenth maintenance inspection of your laboratory under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). Based upon our review of these reports, the laboratory's performance in this inspection is highly acceptable. The inspection team had some areas of concern, which are detailed in this cover letter and attached critique.

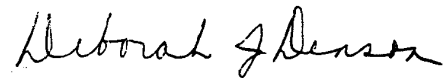
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Ms. Tarnai  
January 24, 2000  
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If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please call me at  
(919) 541-7265 or Dr. Michael Baylor at (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,



Deborah J. Denson  
NLCP Inspection Analyst

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## NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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### Document Review and Critique

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Laboratory I.D. Number: 0760  
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc.

Location: Richmond, VA

Document Reviewed:     Application Form  
                               Inspection Report #M10                      Date: 16 December 1999  
                               Other \_\_\_\_\_

Status:             Highly Acceptable             Acceptable  
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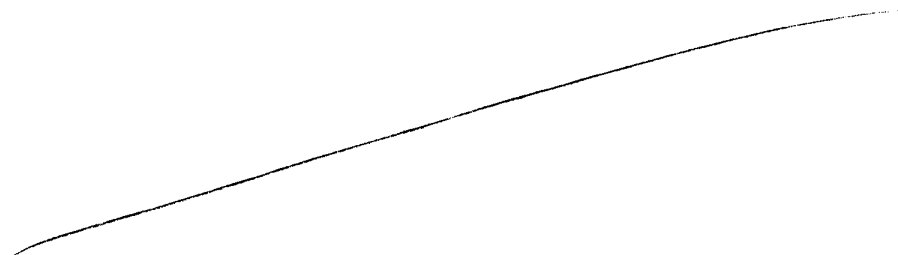
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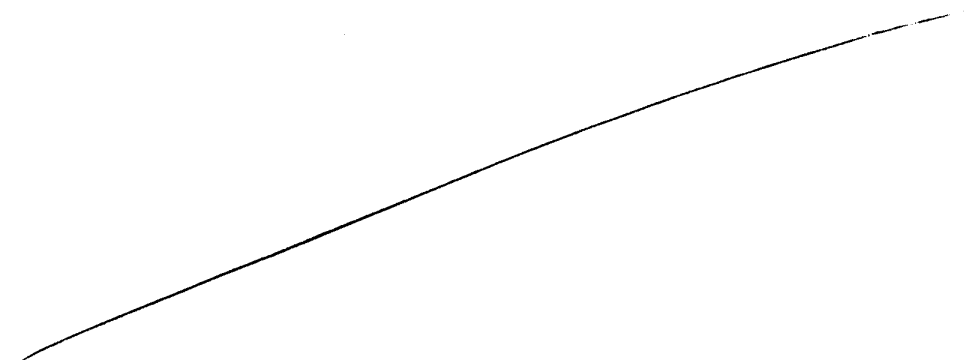
There were a number of comments and observations generated as a result of the inspection that are detailed on the following pages for the attention of the laboratory before its next inspection.

The following comments were noted, and appear in the same order as the corresponding questions in the Laboratory Inspection Report:


Section E. Standard Operating Procedures - Procedures Manual



Section F. Chain-of-Custody, Accessioning, and Security



Section G. Quality Control





Section H. Initial Tests

Section I. Confirmatory Tests

Section J. Records Audit

Section K. Reporting

Section L. Computers, Software, and LIMS

Section M. Equipment and Maintenance

Section N. Personnel

# RESEARCH TRIANGLE INSTITUTE



National Laboratory Certification Program

July 13, 2000

0760  
Ms. Lisa Tarnai  
Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc.  
463 Southlake Blvd.  
Richmond, VA 23236

Dear Ms. Tarnai:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the eleventh maintenance inspection of your laboratory under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). Based upon our review of these reports, the laboratory's performance in this inspection is highly acceptable. The inspection team had some areas of concern, which are detailed in this cover letter and attached critique.

RTI is recommending to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that the laboratory's certification be continued based upon its acceptable performance in the inspection phase of the program. The laboratory must take steps to correct the issues cited above. The laboratory must also review the enclosed critique and take all necessary corrective actions. All corrective actions must be implemented within 30 days of receipt of this correspondence. It is *not necessary* for the laboratory to submit a written response to RTI. All corrective actions will be reviewed during the next inspection.



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If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please call me at (919) 541-6176 or Dr. Michael Baylor at (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,



Susan Crumpton  
NLCP Technical Analyst

Enclosure

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## NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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### Document Review and Critique

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Laboratory I.D. Number: 0760  
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc.

Location: Richmond, VA

Document Reviewed:     Application Form  
                               Inspection Report #M11                      Date: 22 June 2000  
                               Other \_\_\_\_\_

Status:                    Highly Acceptable             Acceptable  
                               Unacceptable                 Failure

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A review of the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) inspection reports has been completed. It is the judgment of the reviewers that the laboratory has met the standards required for the inspection phase of the Program.

There were a number of comments and observations generated as a result of the inspection that are detailed on the following pages for the attention of the laboratory before its next inspection.

The following comments were noted, and appear in the same order as the corresponding questions in the Laboratory Inspection Report:

Section E. Standard Operating Procedures - Procedures Manual

Section F. Chain-of-Custody, Accessioning, and Security

Section G. Quality Control

Section H. Initial Tests

Section I. Confirmatory Tests

Section J. Records Audit

Section K. Reporting

Section L. Computers, Software, and LIMS

Section M. Equipment and Maintenance

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Section N. Personnel

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National Laboratory Certification Program

February 5, 2001

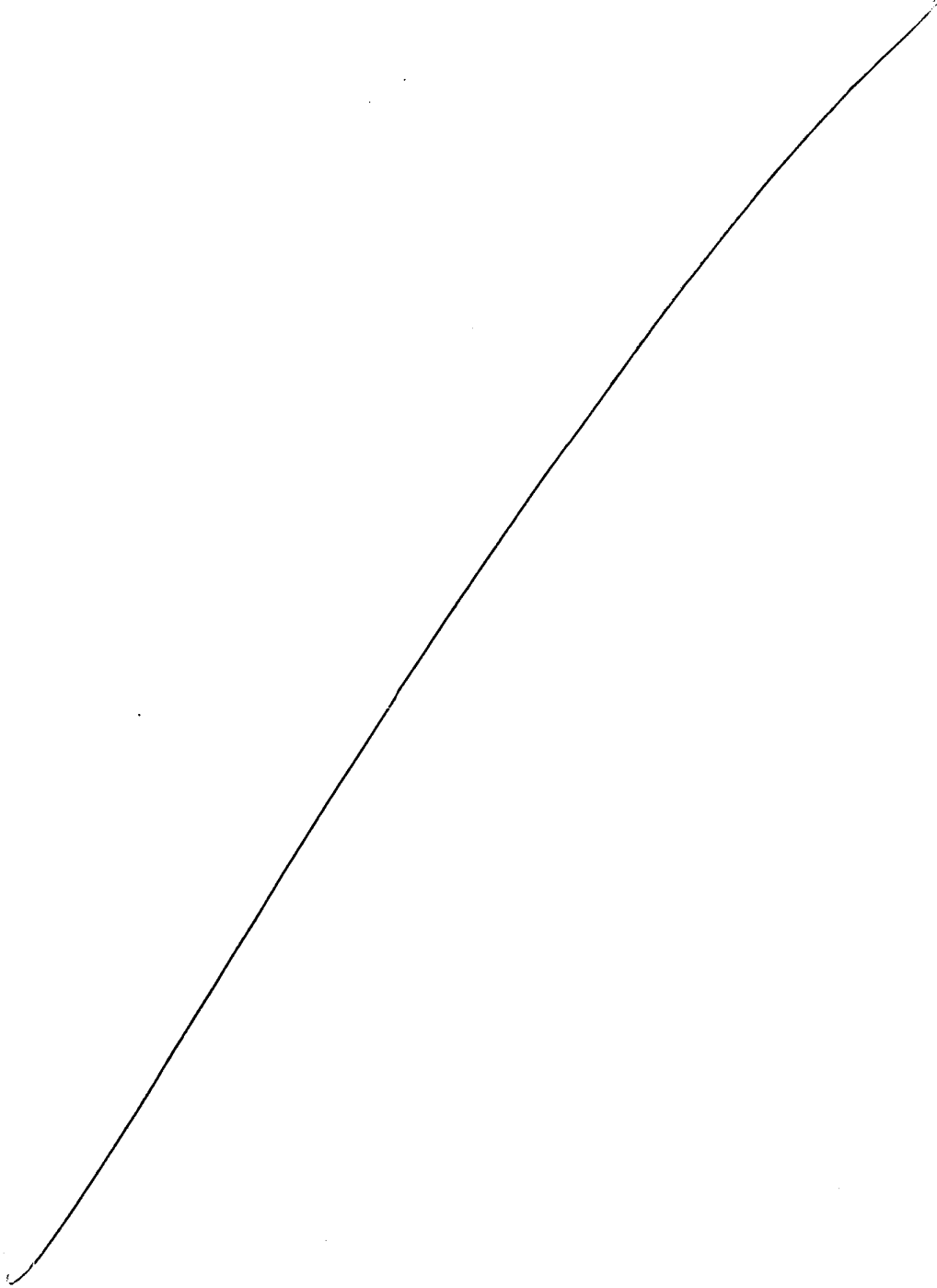
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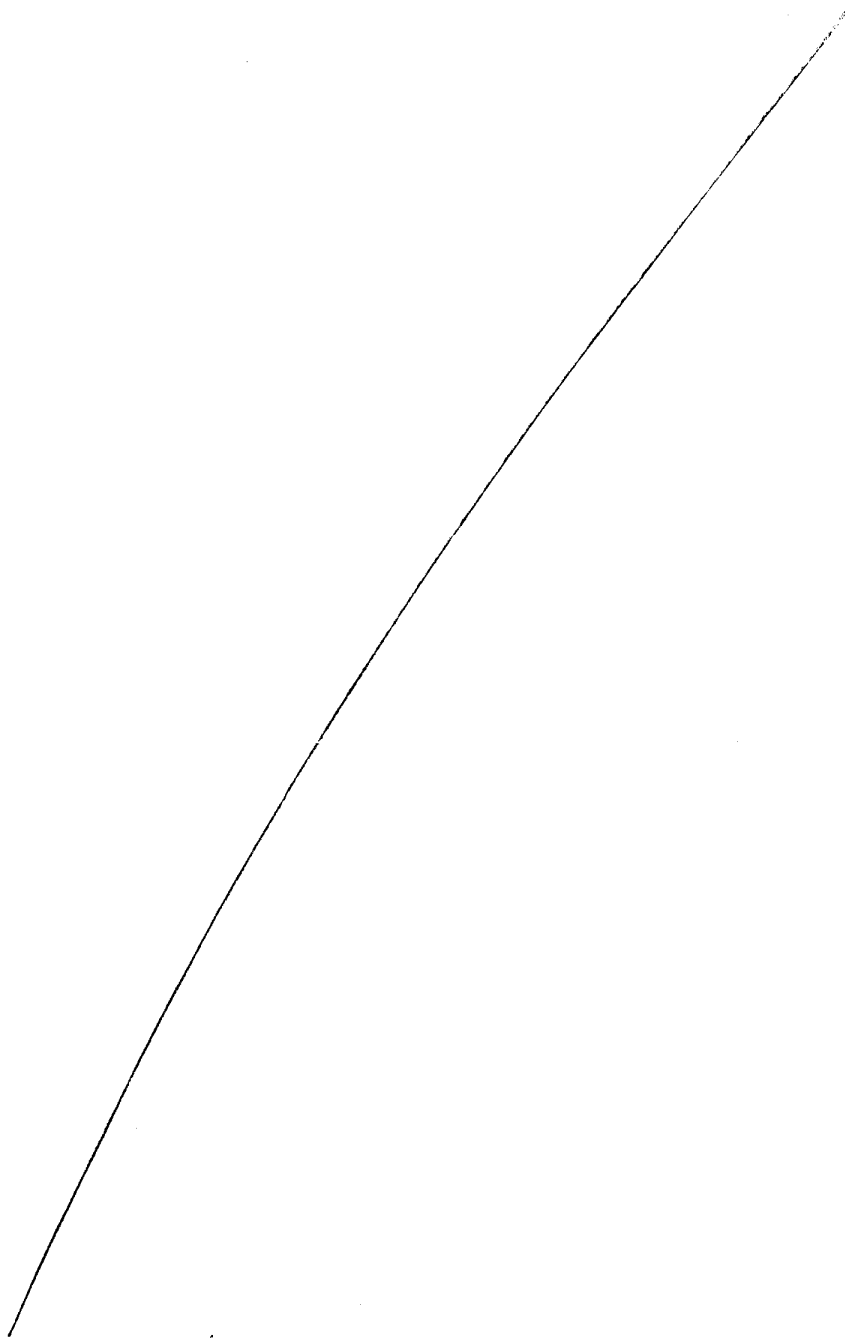
Dear Ms. Tarnai:

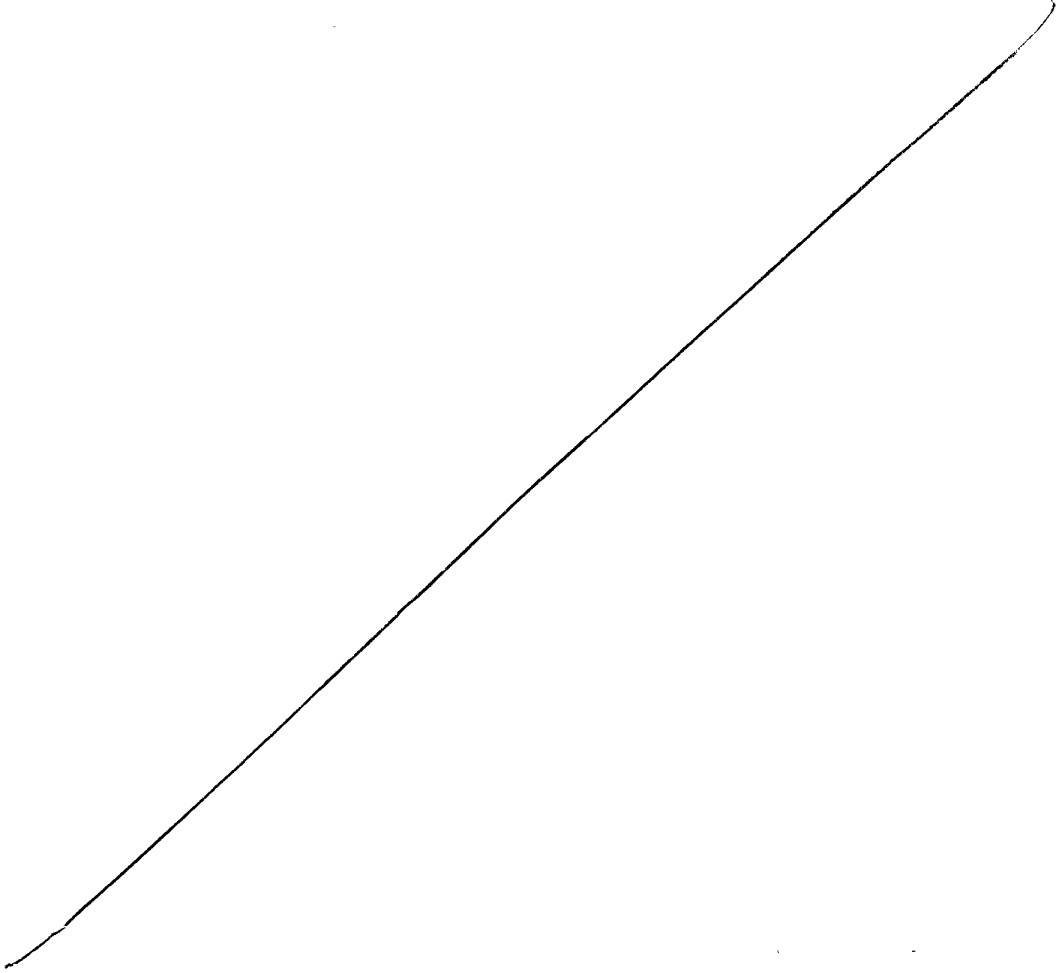
The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the twelfth maintenance inspection of your laboratory under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). Based upon our review of these reports, the laboratory's performance in this inspection appeared to meet most of the minimum technical criteria. However, the laboratory must take steps to correct the following issues raised:



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The laboratory must submit, within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter, documentation to demonstrate that corrective actions have been implemented to address the issues raised. In responding to these issues, please organize the material in your document in accordance with the sections and item numbers as listed in this correspondence. Once these issues have been successfully addressed, RTI will recommend to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that the laboratory's certification be continued. The laboratory must also review the enclosed critique and take all necessary corrective actions. All corrective actions must be implemented within 30 days receipt of this correspondence and will be reviewed at the next inspection. ***Failure to comply may result in the laboratory's suspension to perform specimen validity testing on federally regulated specimens or referral to the Department of Transportation for Public Interest Exclusion action.***

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If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please call me at (919) 541-6176 or Dr. Michael Baylor at (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Crumpton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Crumpton  
NLCP Technical Analyst

Enclosure

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## NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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### Document Review and Critique

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Laboratory I.D. Number: 0760  
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc.

Location: Richmond, VA

Document Reviewed:  Application Form  
 Inspection Report #M12      Date: 14 December 2000  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Status:  Appeared to meet most of the minimum technical criteria  
 Appeared to meet a number of the minimum technical criteria  
 Failed to meet a number of the minimum technical criteria  
 Failed to meet a significant number of the minimum technical criteria

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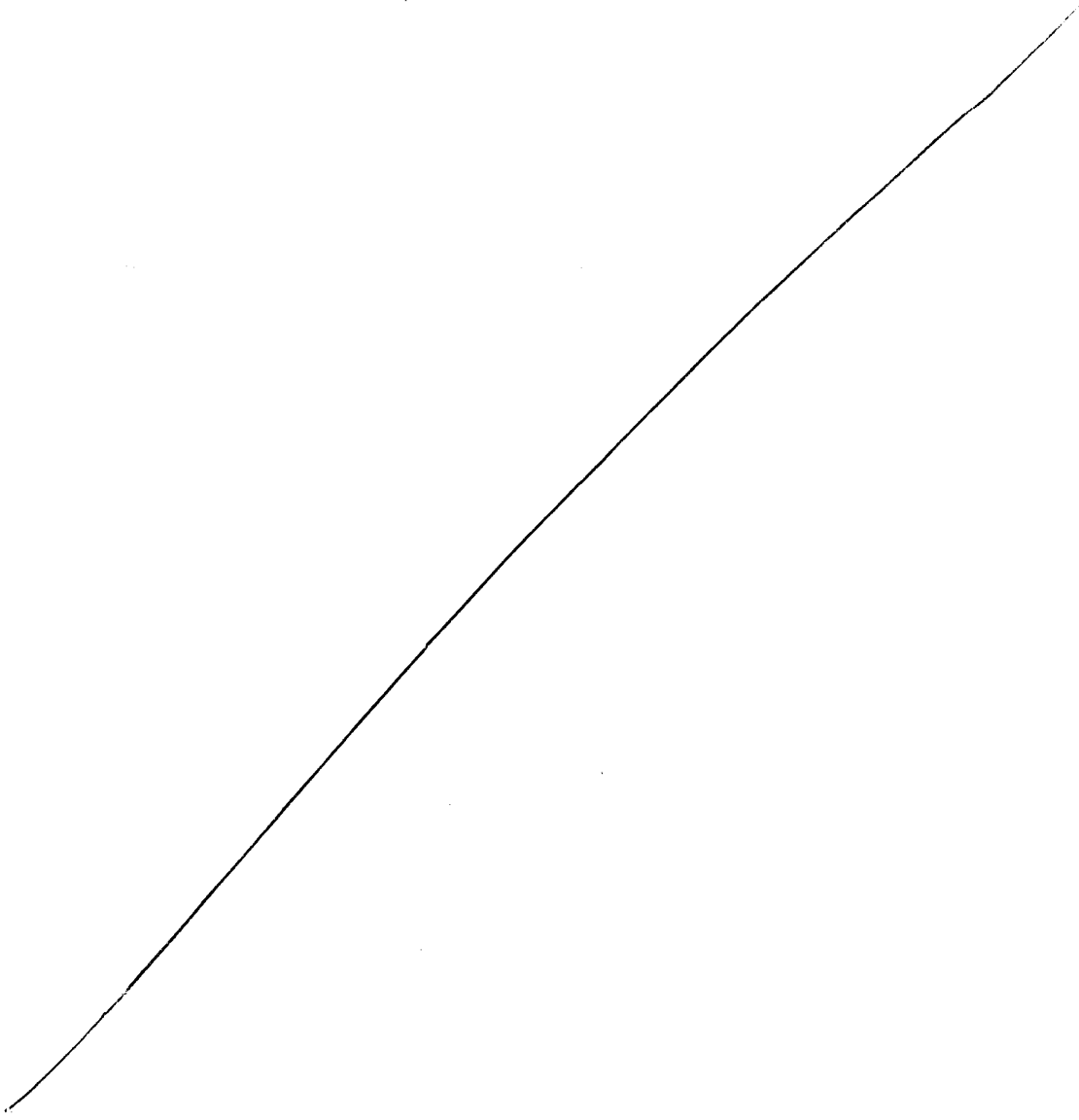
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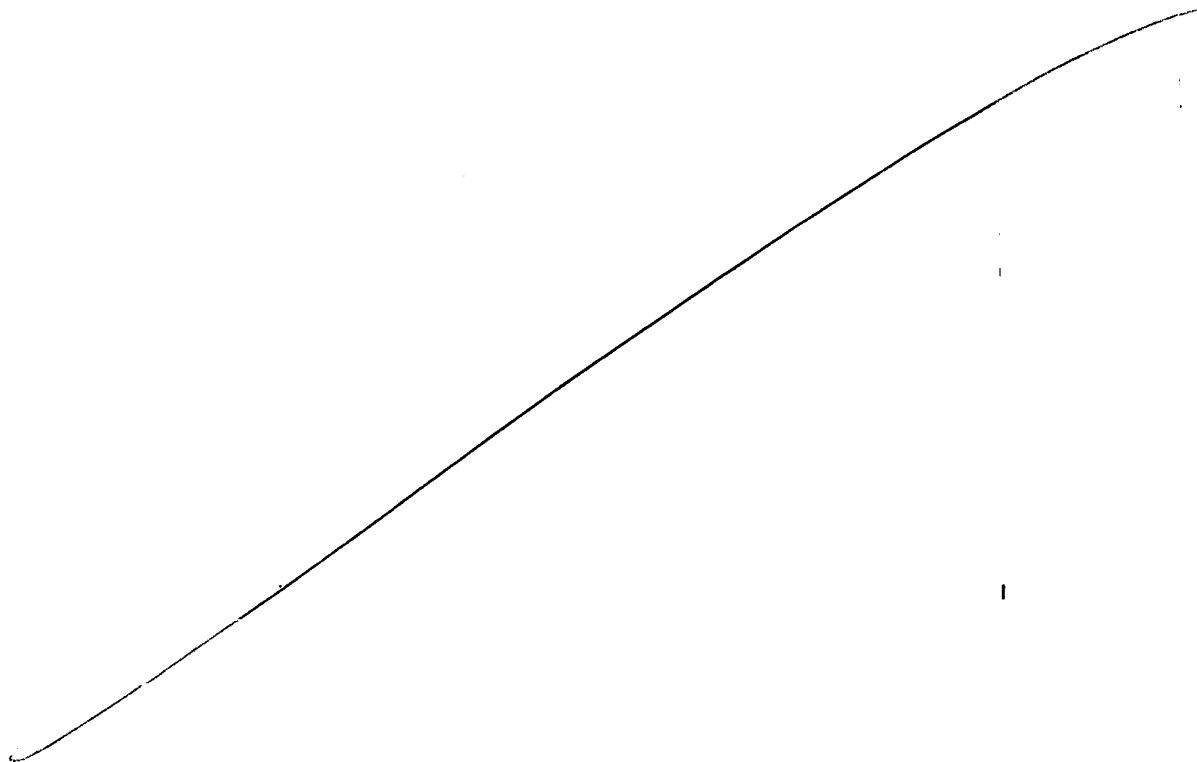
A review of the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) inspection reports has been completed. The laboratory has appeared to meet most of the minimum technical criteria required for the inspection phase of the Program.

Deficiencies identified as a result of the inspection are detailed on the following pages. The laboratory is required to correct the deficiencies before its next inspection.

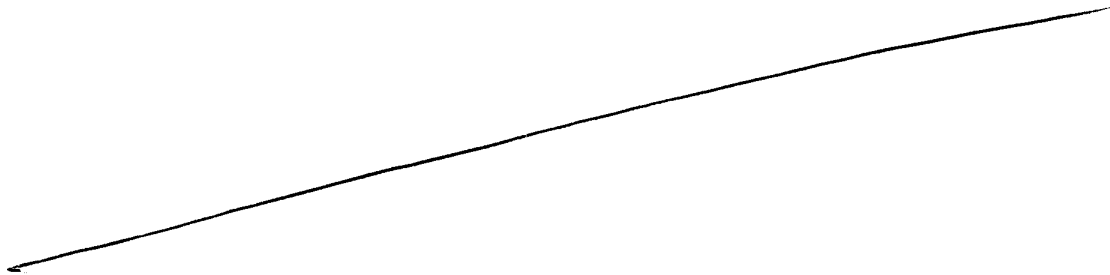
The following deficiencies were identified, and appear in the same order as the corresponding questions in the Laboratory Inspection Report:

Section E. Standard Operating Procedures - Procedures Manual



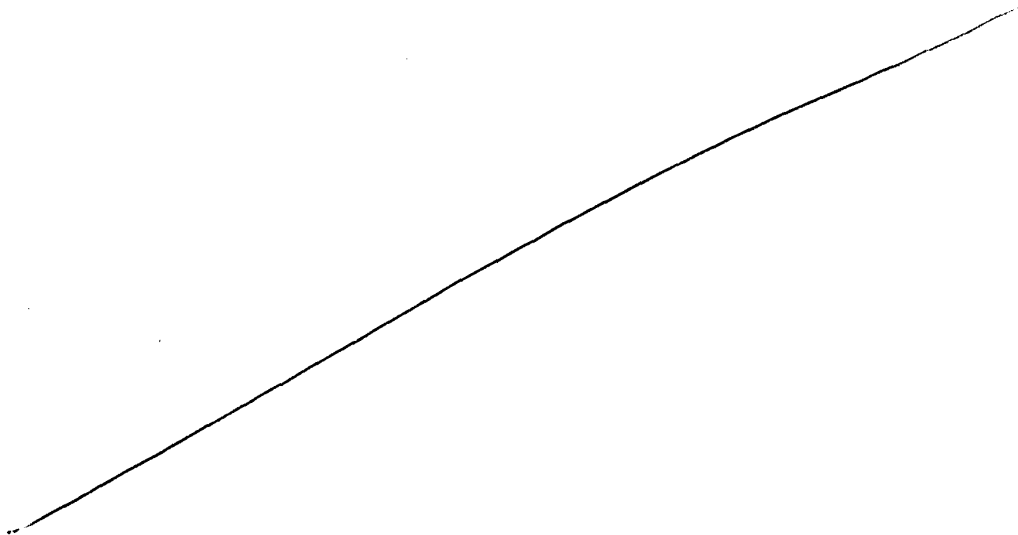


Section F. Chain-of-Custody, Accessioning, and Security



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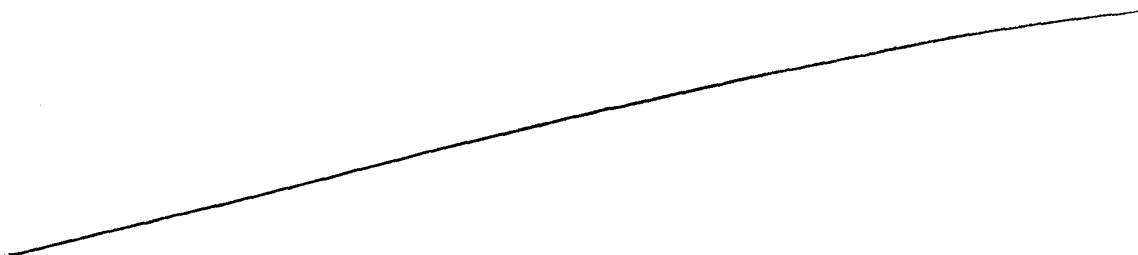
Section G. Quality Control and Quality Assurance



Section H. Initial Tests



Section I. Specimen Validity Tests





Section J. Confirmatory Tests

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Section K. Records Audit

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Section L. Certification and Reporting

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Section M. Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

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Section N. Personnel

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February 7, 2001

Dr. Michael Baylor  
RTI/NLCP  
3040 Cornwallis Road  
P.O. Box 12194  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Dear Dr. Baylor,

Sincerely,



Lisa D. Tarnai, M.S.  
Responsible Person  
Laboratory 0760

RESEARCH TRIANGLE INSTITUTE



National Laboratory Certification Program

February 9, 2001

0760  
Ms. Lisa Tarnai  
Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc.  
463 Southlake Blvd.  
Richmond, VA 23236

Dear Ms. Tarnai:

We have reviewed the material provided in your correspondence of February 7, 2001, documenting the laboratory's remedial actions in response to an issue raised during its twelfth maintenance inspection of December 14-15, 2000.

The following issues were raised during our review of the laboratory's submission:



Ms. Tarnai  
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**The laboratory must revise its procedures to address these issues and submit the revised SOPs to RTI for review with its remedial response to the twelfth maintenance inspection (see RTI's February 5, 2001, cover letter and critique).**

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please call me at (919) 541-6176 or Dr. Michael R. Baylor at (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,



Susan Crumpton  
NLCP Technical Analyst

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