

October 19, 1998

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Dr. R.H. Barry Sample
Dr. Michael Feldman
SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories
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Atlanta, GA 30340

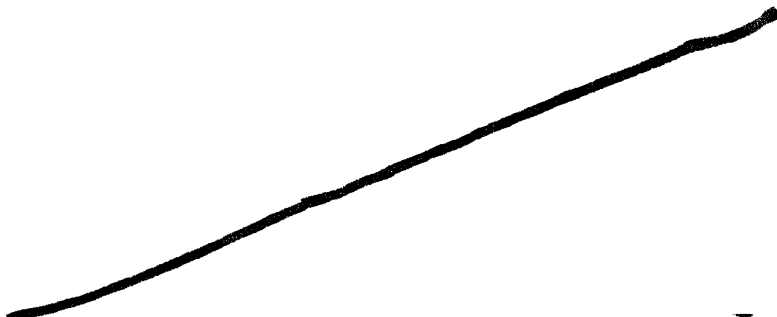
Dear Dr. Sample and Dr. Feldman:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the three inspectors who conducted the sixteenth 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:

G. The Records Audit section:



Drs. Sample and Feldman
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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 issue described in Item G1 above. Once the issue has been successfully addressed, RTI will recommend to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that your 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 of the receipt of this correspondence and will be reviewed at 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

Enclosure

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NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Document Review and Critique

Laboratory I.D. Number: 0067
Document No. Final

Laboratory: SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories

Location: Atlanta, GA

Document Reviewed: Application Form
 Inspection Report #M16 Date: 17 September 1998
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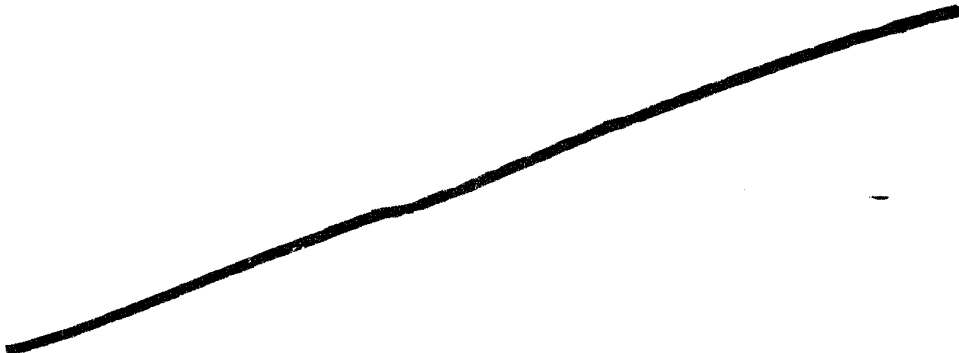
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A review of the three independent National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) inspection reports has been completed. It is the judgment of the reviewers that the laboratory has met the standards required for the inspection phase of the Program.

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:

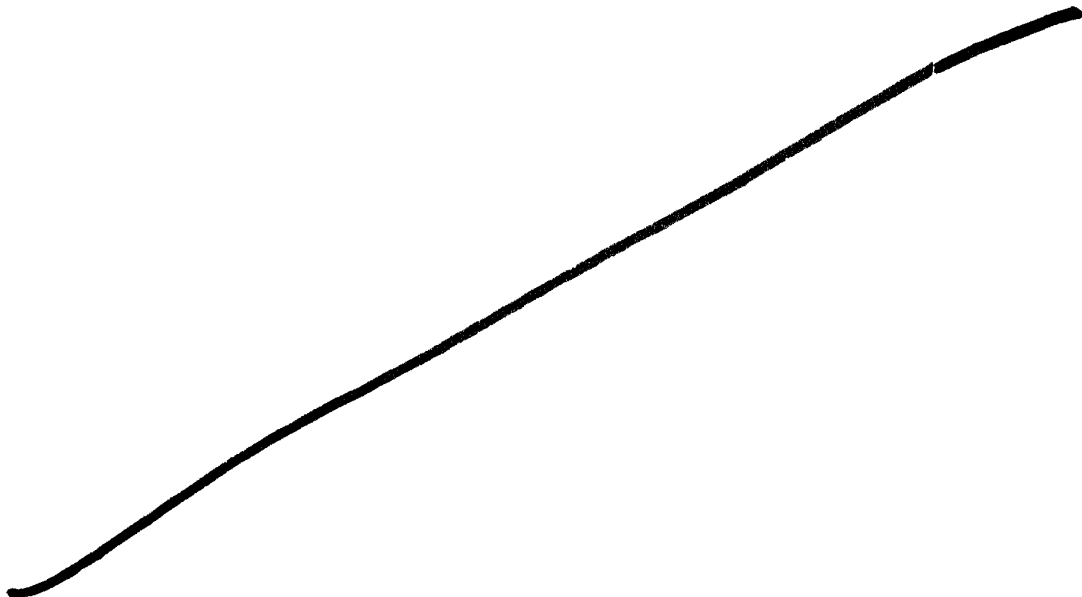
Section E. Standard Operating Procedures - Procedures Manual



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



Section G. Records Audit



Section H. Personnel

Section I. Reagents

Section J. Quality Control and Standards

Section K. Reporting

Section L. Equipment and Maintenance

Section M. Immunoassay

Section N. Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

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Nov. 13, 1998

Ms. Susan Crumpton
Research Triangle Institute
National Laboratory Certification Program
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Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2194

Re: Inspection critique

Dear Ms. Crumpton:

In regards to your letter of Oct. 19, 1998, I have reviewed the critique and have initiated appropriate corrective actions.

If there are any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Michael S. Feldman, PhD
Technical Manager, Substance Abuse Testing

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National Laboratory Certification Program

November 19, 1998

0067
Dr. R.H. Barry Sample
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Dear Dr. Sample and Dr. Feldman:

We have reviewed the material provided in your correspondence of November 13, 1998, submitted in response to an issue raised during the sixteenth maintenance inspection of your laboratory as outlined in our correspondence of October 19, 1998. The following is a summary of our review:

Based upon our review of the material submitted, RTI is recommending to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that your laboratory continue to be certified under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). 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
Susan Crumpton
NLCP Inspection Analyst

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April 20, 1999

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Dear Dr. Sample and Dr. Feldman:

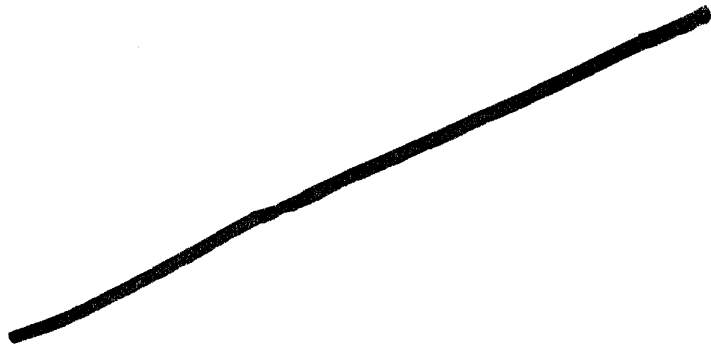
The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the seventeenth maintenance inspection of your laboratory under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). Based upon our review of these reports, the laboratory's performance in this inspection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

E. The Standard Operating Procedures section

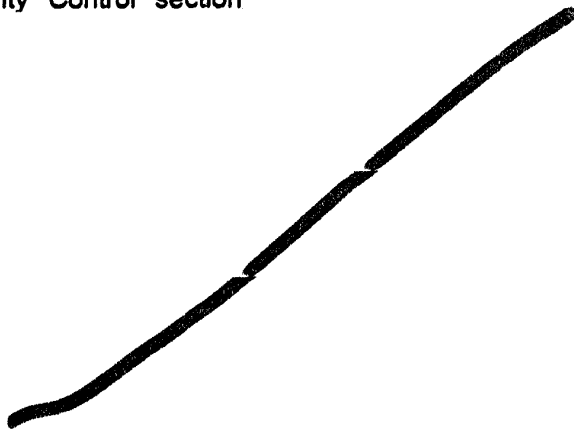


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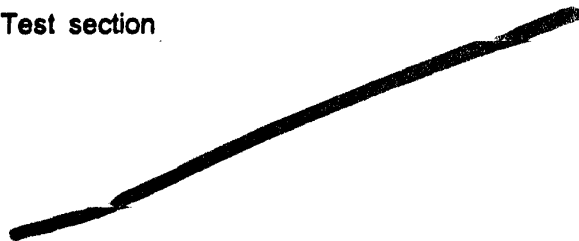




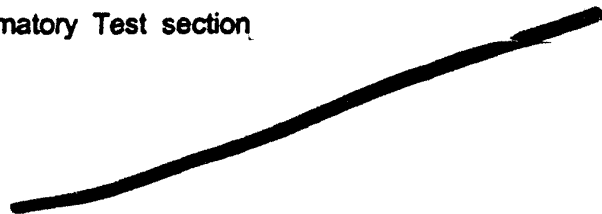
G. The Quality Control section



H. The Initial Test section



I. The Confirmatory Test section




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J. The Records Audit section

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Dr. Sample and Dr. Feldman
April 20, 1999
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K. The Reporting section



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.

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

Enclosure

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Dr. Michael Baylor

NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Document Review and Critique

Laboratory I.D. Number: 0067
Document No. Final

Laboratory: SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories

Location: Atlanta, GA

Document Reviewed: Application Form
 Inspection Report #M17 Date: 11 March 1999
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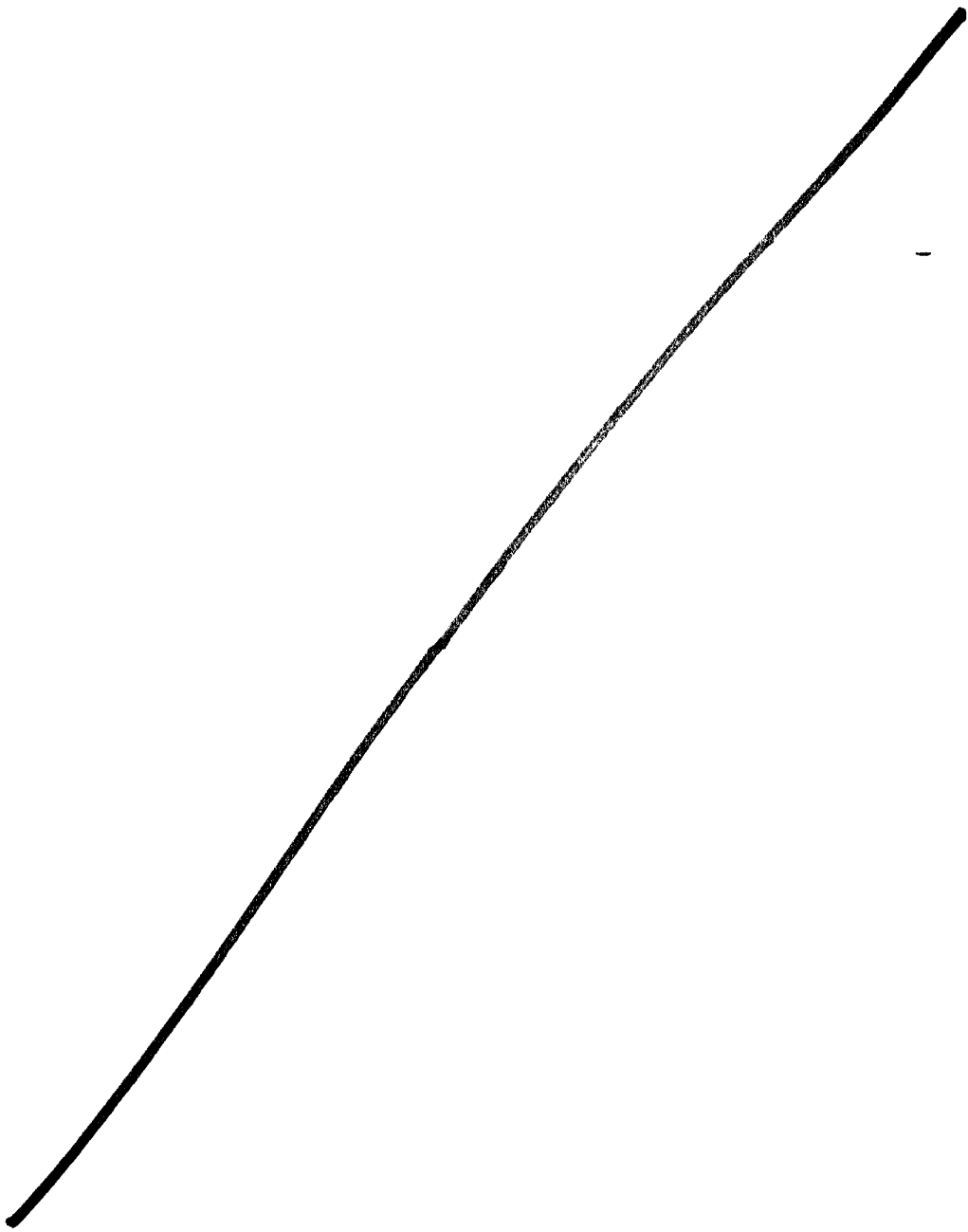
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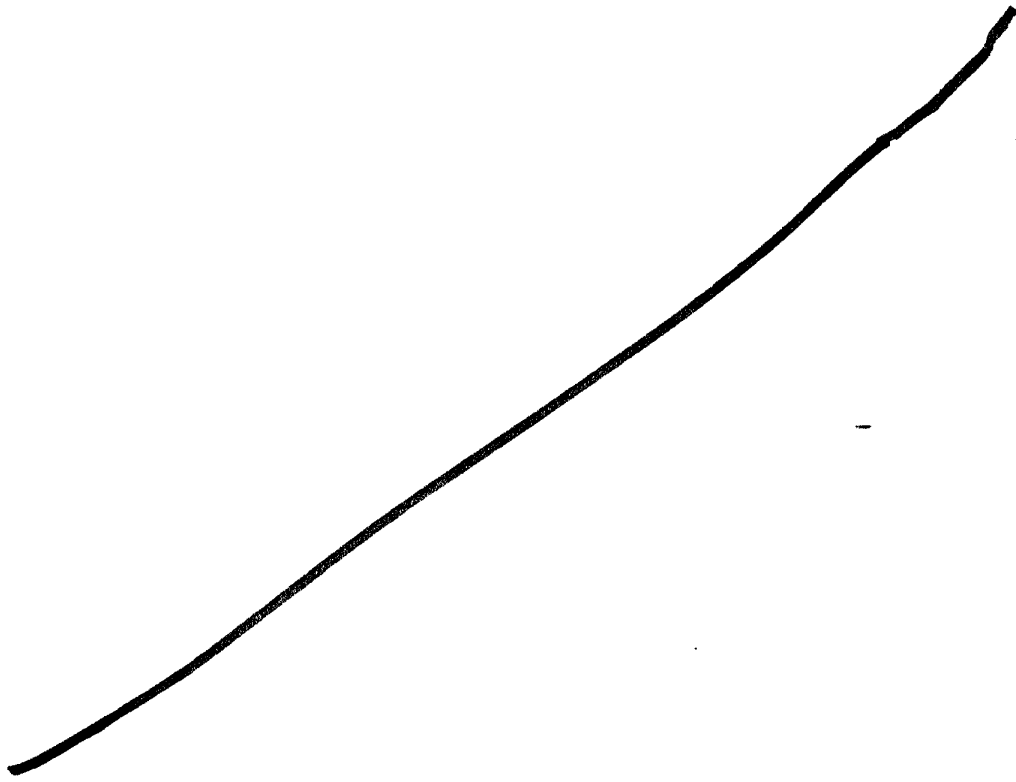
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There were a number of comments and observations generated as a result of the inspection that are detailed on the following pages for the attention of the laboratory before its next inspection.

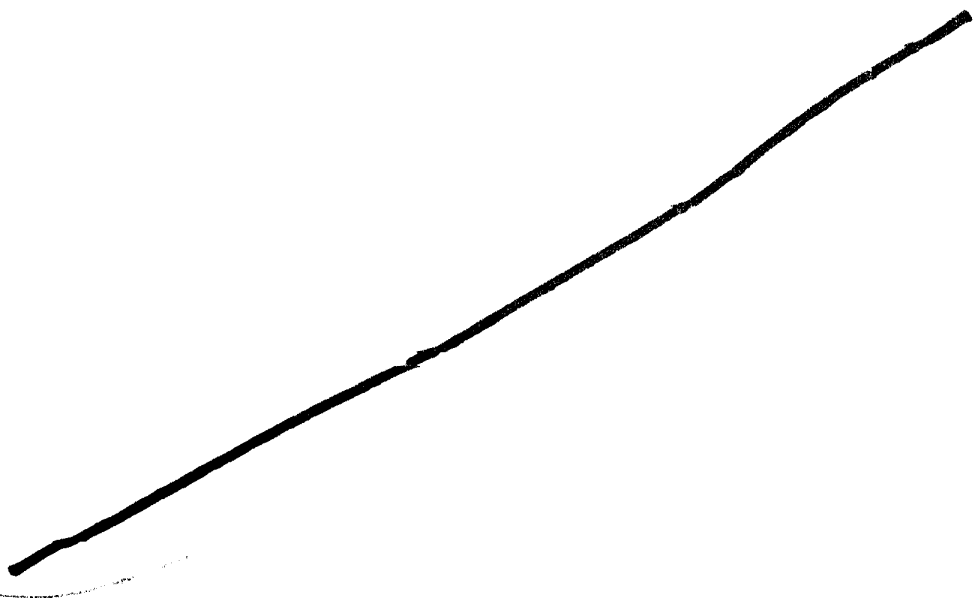
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Section E. Standard Operating Procedures - Procedures Manual





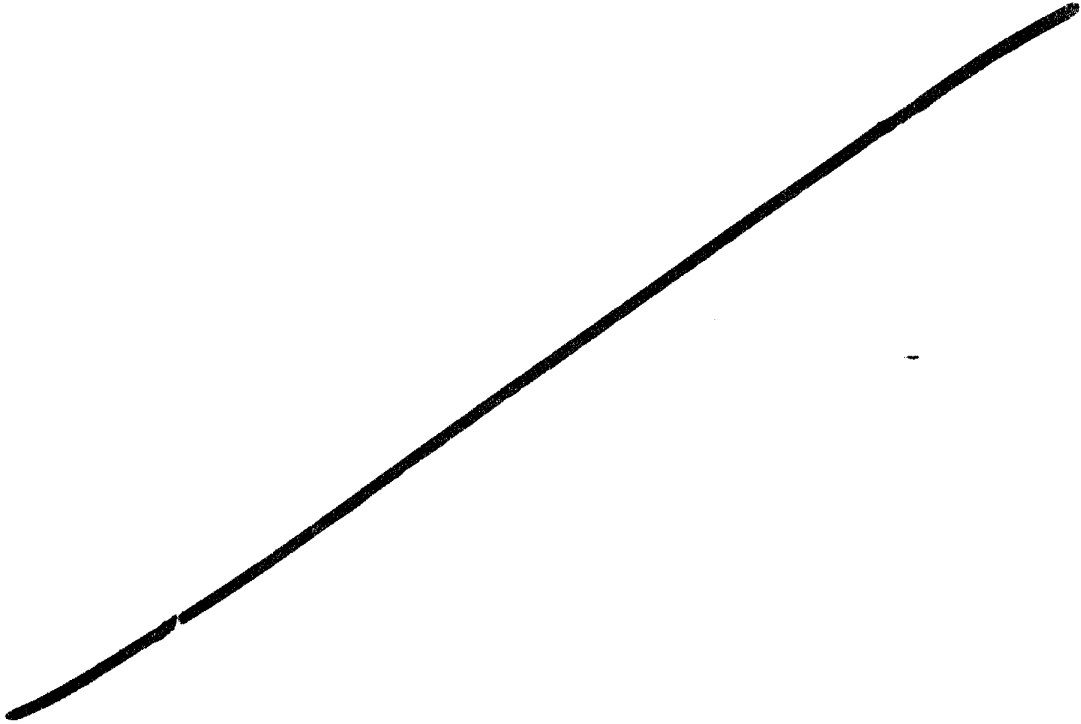
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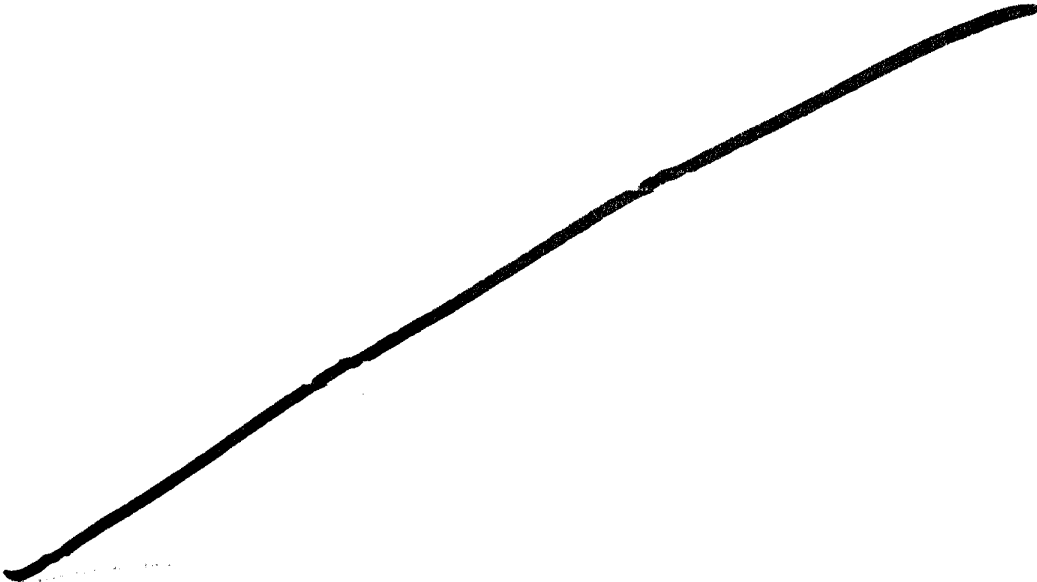
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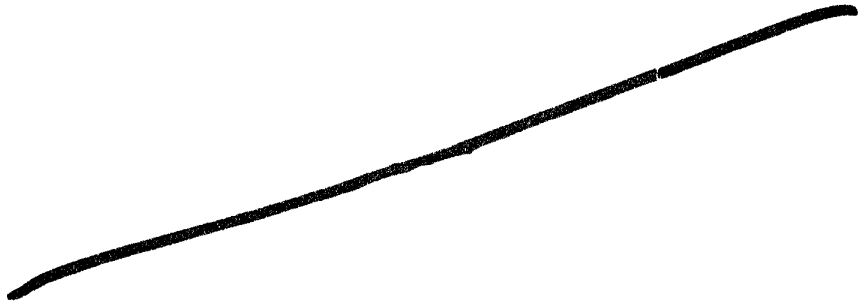
Section H. Initial Tests

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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May, 19, 1999

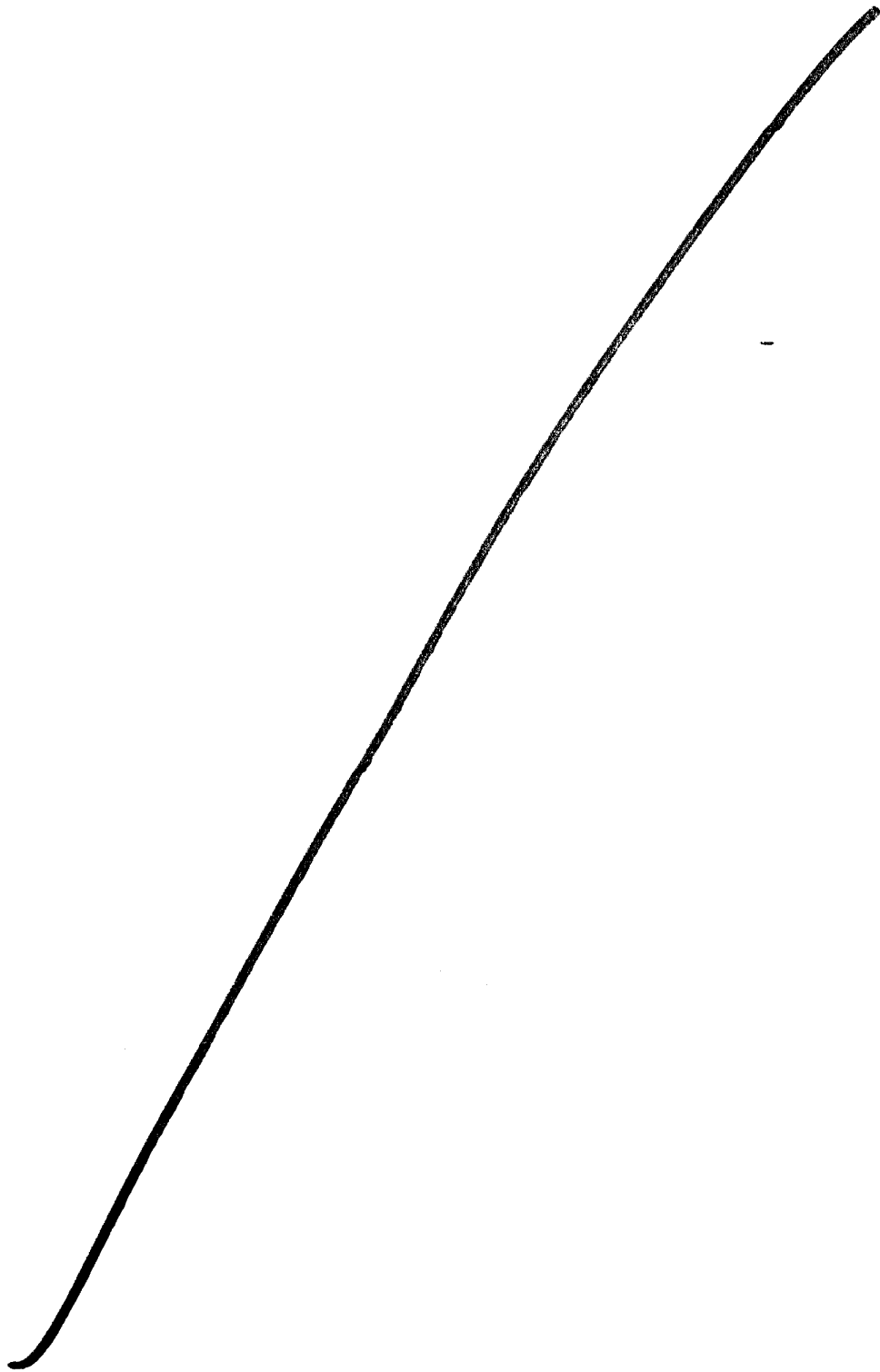
Ms. Deborah J. Denson
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Re: Critique for 17th Maintenance Inspection

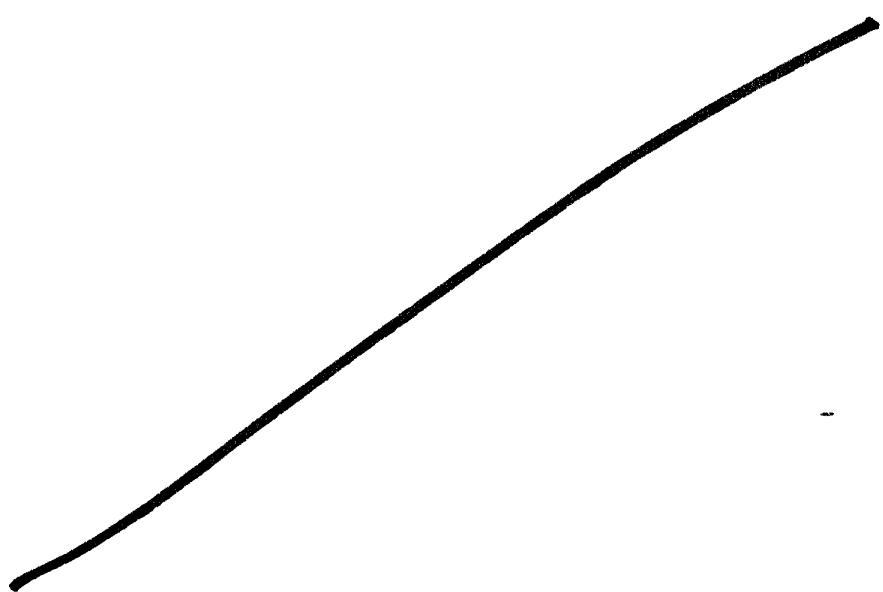
Dear Ms. Denson:

After review of your letter of April 20th, I have prepared the following responses:

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I hope these responses address your concerns. If you have any other questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Michael S. Feldman, PhD

Technical Manager, Substance Abuse Testing



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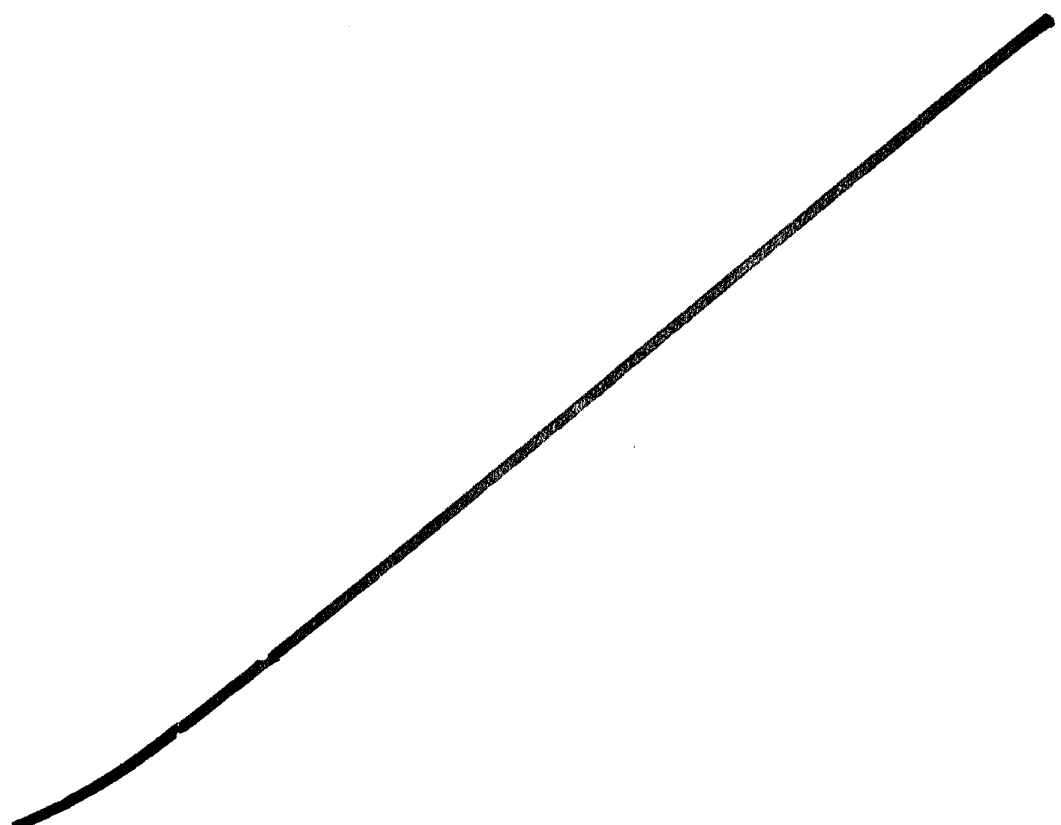
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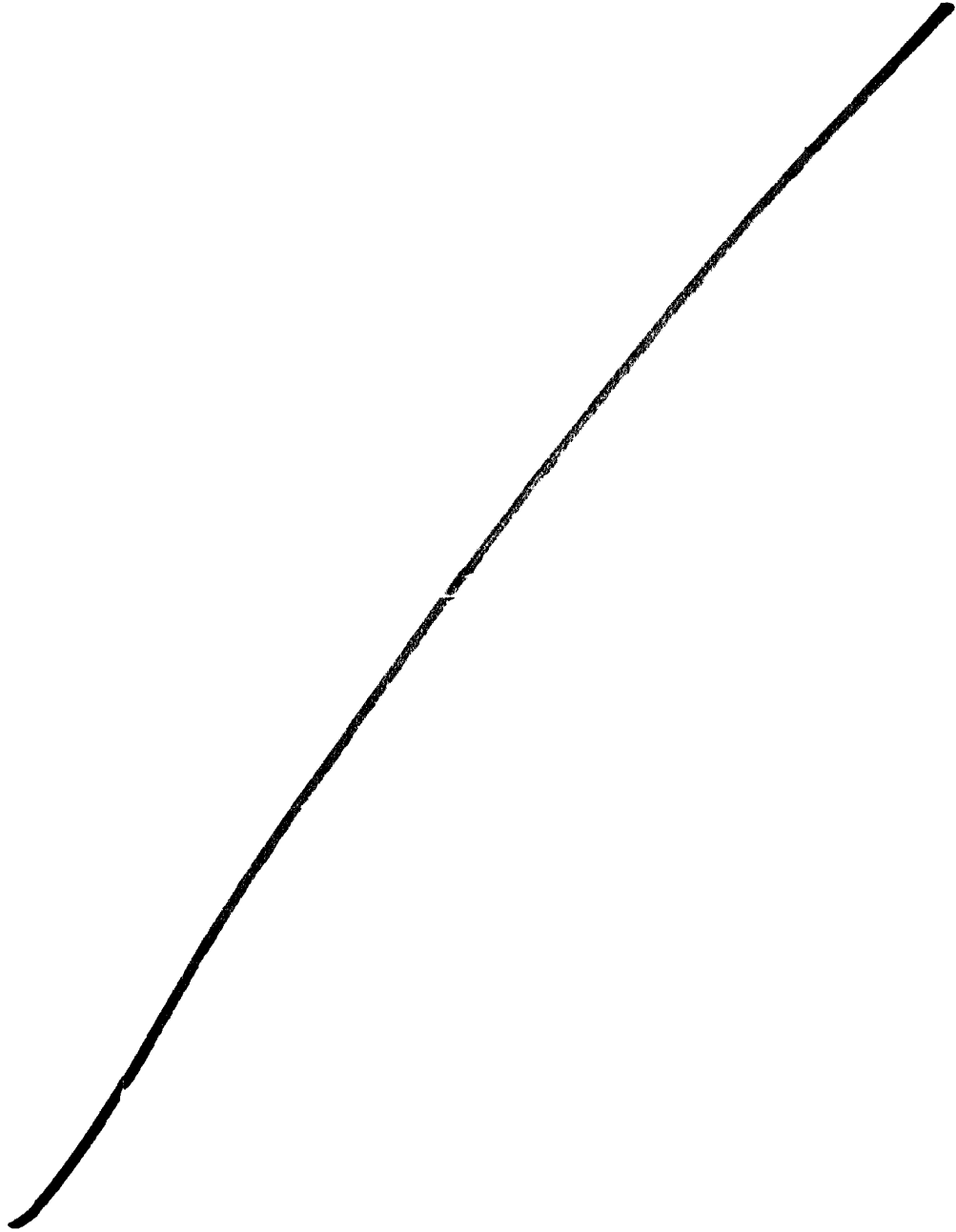
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Dr. R.H. Barry Sample
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Dear Dr. Sample and Dr. Feldman:

We have reviewed the material provided in your correspondence of May 19, 1999, submitted in response to issues raised during the seventeenth maintenance inspection of your laboratory as outlined in our correspondence of April 20, 1999. The information submitted by the laboratory appears to demonstrate that appropriate corrective actions have been completed to address the issues raised. The following is a review of the material submitted:



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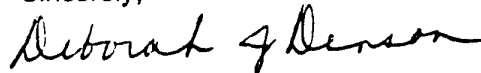


Dr. Sample and Dr. Feldman
May 26, 1999
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Based upon our review of the material submitted, RTI is recommending to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that your laboratory continue to be certified under the National Laboratory Certification Program. All corrective actions must be implemented within 30 days of the receipt of this correspondence and 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) 541-7265 or Michael Baylor, Ph.D. at (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,



Deborah J. Denson
NLCP Inspection Analyst

cc: Dr. Michael Baylor
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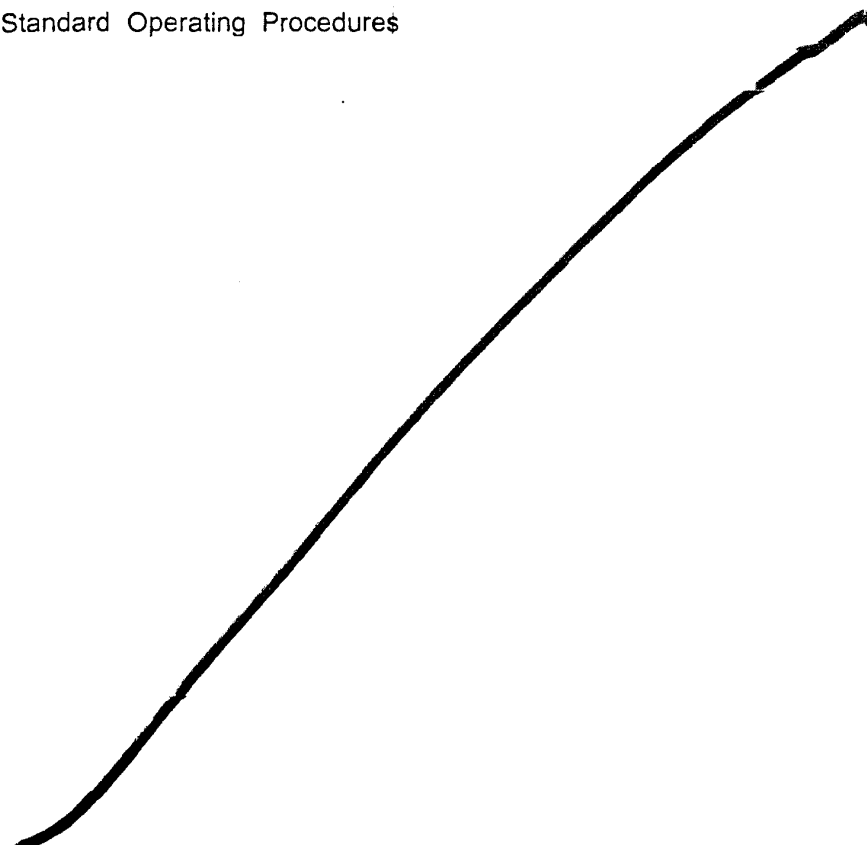
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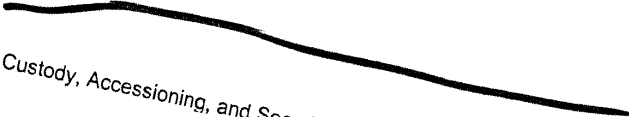
Dear Dr. Sample:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the eighteenth 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 acceptable. Before RTI will recommend continued certification of your laboratory, the laboratory must successfully complete all corrective actions described in the critique and/or cover letter:





E. The Standard Operating Procedures



F. The Chain of Custody, Accessioning, and Security section




J. The Records Audit section




K. The Reporting section



L. The Computers, Software, and LIMS section



N. The Personnel section

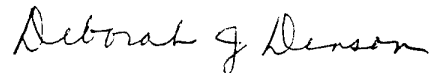


Dr. Sample
October 29, 1999
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The laboratory must submit, within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter, documentation to demonstrate that corrective actions have been implemented to address the issues raised. In responding to these issues, please 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.

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

Enclosure

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NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Document Review and Critique

Laboratory I.D. Number: 0067
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Quest Diagnostics, Inc.

Location: Atlanta, GA

Document Reviewed: Application Form
 Inspection Report #M18 Date: 16 September 1999
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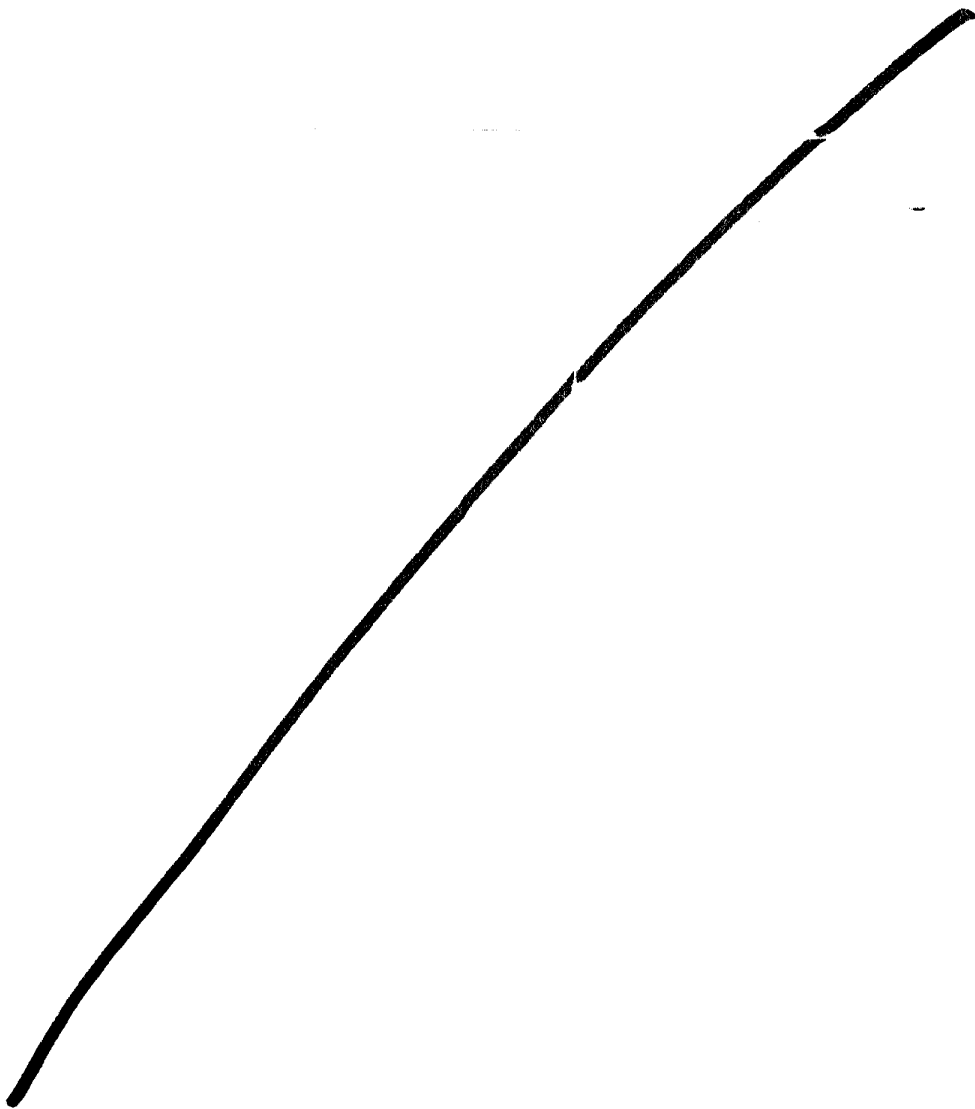
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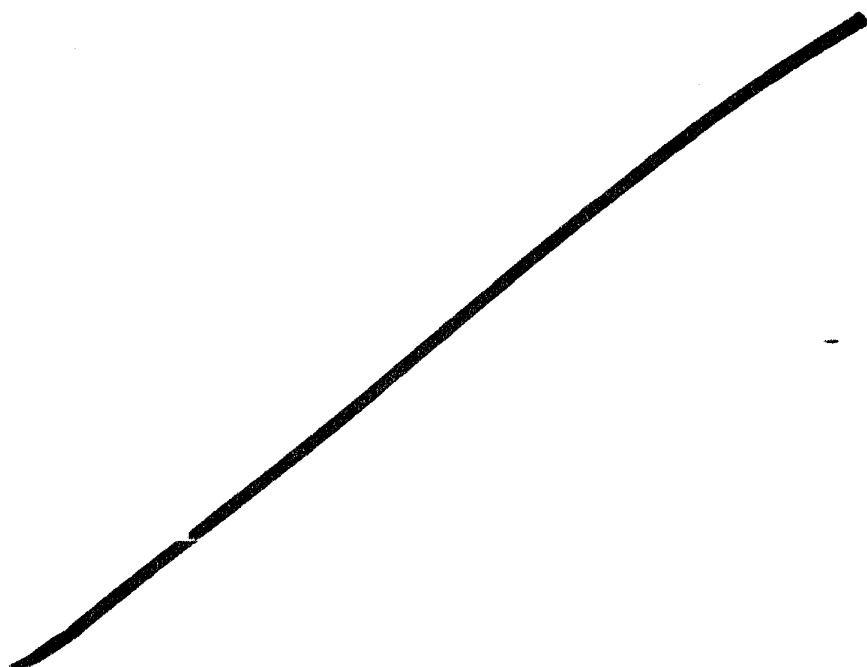
Inspection reports, from the inspectors who conducted the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) inspection, have been carefully reviewed and found to provide sufficient information to judge that the laboratory has met the standards required for the inspection phase of the Program, pending the submission of evidence that appropriate corrective action has been taken.

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



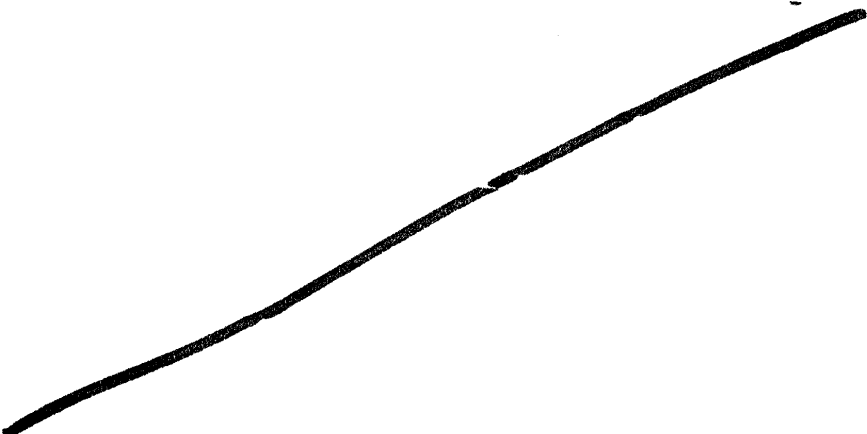
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Section K. Reporting

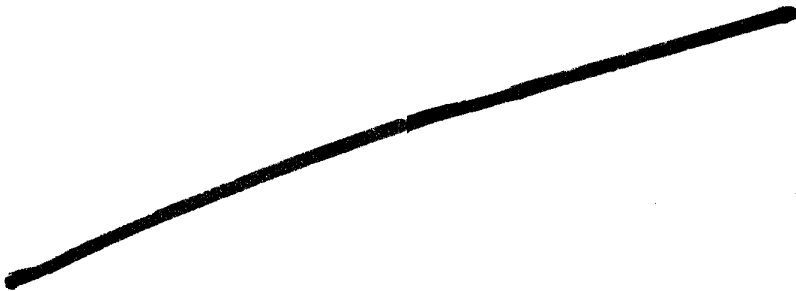


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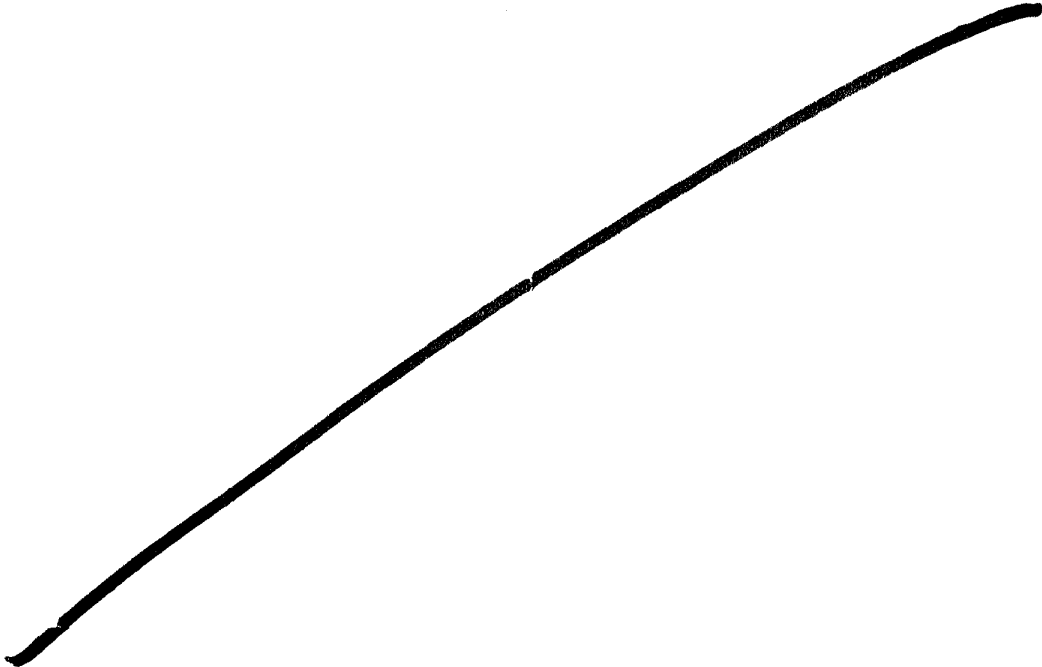




Section M. Equipment and Maintenance



Section N. Personnel



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January 10, 2000

Ms. Deborah J. Denson
Research Triangle Institute
National Laboratory Certification Program
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Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2194

Re: Critique for 18th Maintenance Inspection

Dear Ms. Denson:

After review of your letter of October 29th, I have prepared the following responses:

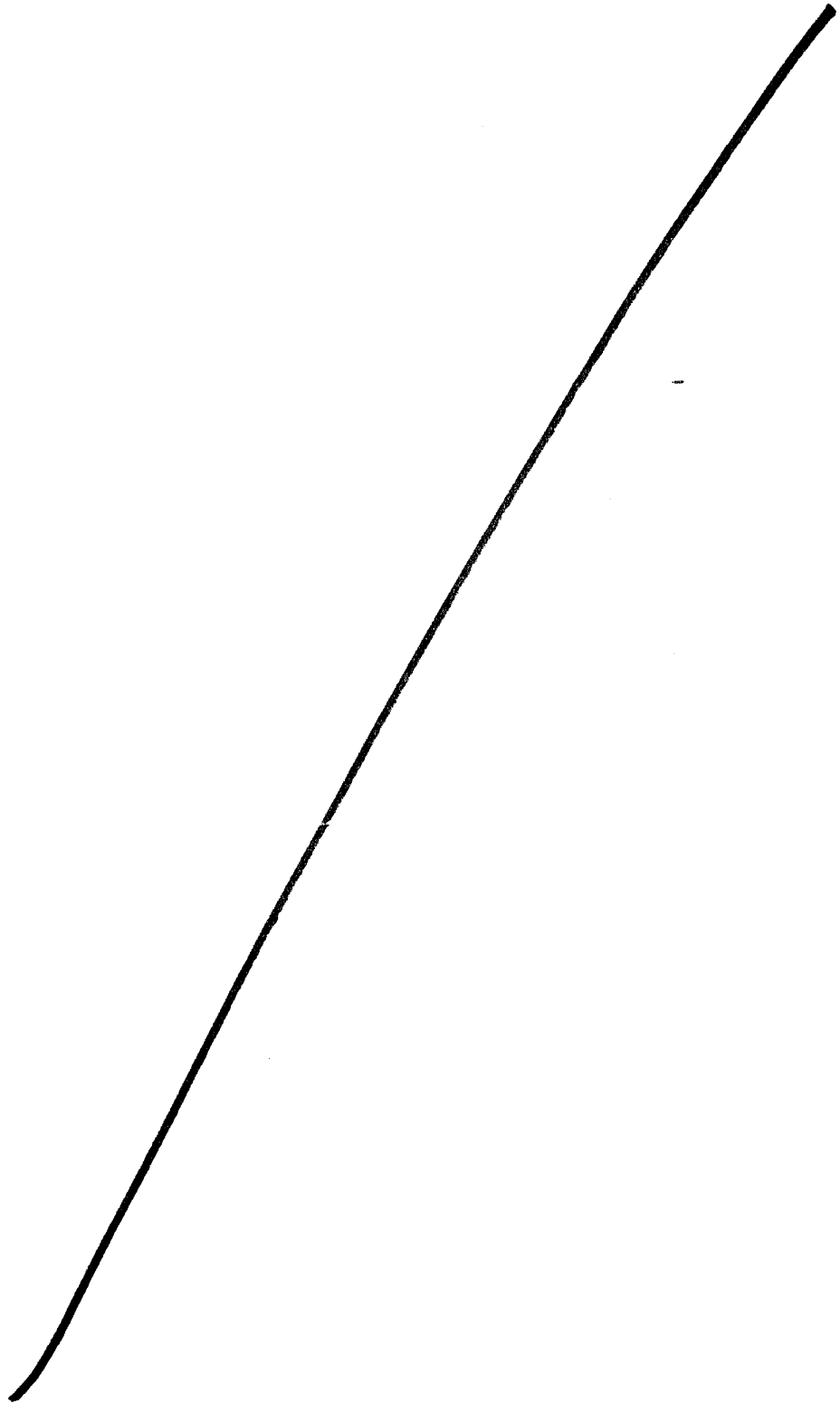
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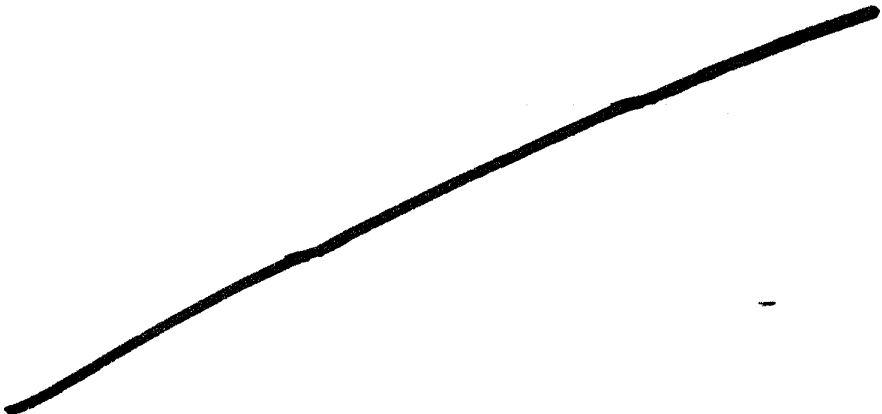
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Section N



If you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. H. Sample". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

R. H. Barry Sample, Ph.D.
Director of Forensic Toxicology
Quest Diagnostics, Atlanta



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National Laboratory Certification Program

January 13, 2000

0067
Dr. R.H. Barry Sample
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated
NIDA Processing
3175 Presidential Drive
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Dear Dr. Sample:

We have reviewed the material provided in your correspondence January 10, 2000, submitted in response to issues raised during the eighteenth maintenance inspection of your laboratory as outlined in our correspondence of October 29, 1999. The information submitted by the laboratory appears to demonstrate that appropriate corrective actions have been completed to address the issues raised. The implementation of the corrective actions will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Based upon our review of the material submitted, RTI is recommending to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that your laboratory continue to be certified under the National Laboratory Certification Program. All corrective actions must be implemented within 30 days of the receipt of this correspondence and 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) 541-7265 or Michael Baylor, Ph.D. (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Deborah J. Denson'.

Deborah J. Denson
NLCP Inspection Analyst

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National Laboratory Certification Program

April 10, 2000

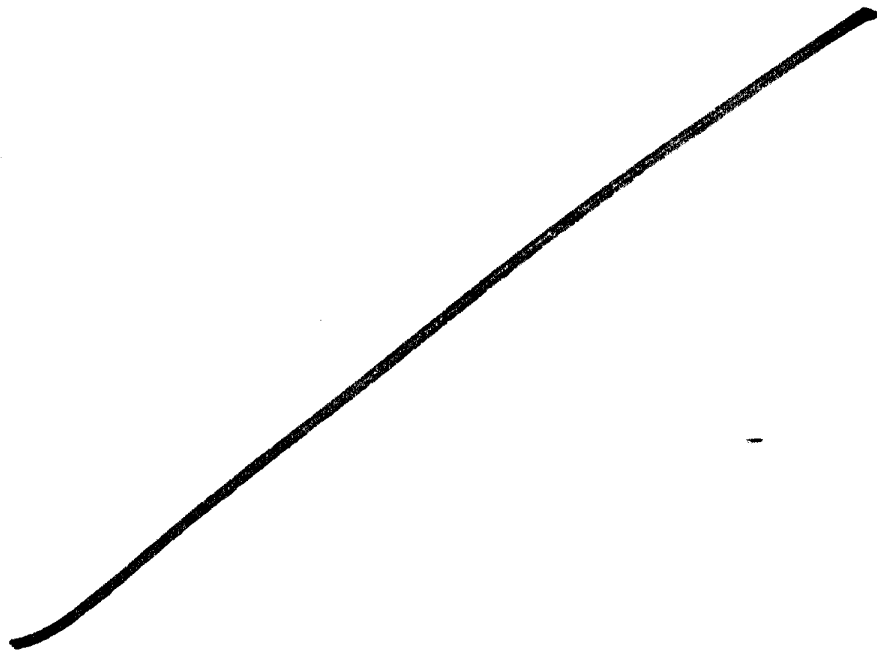
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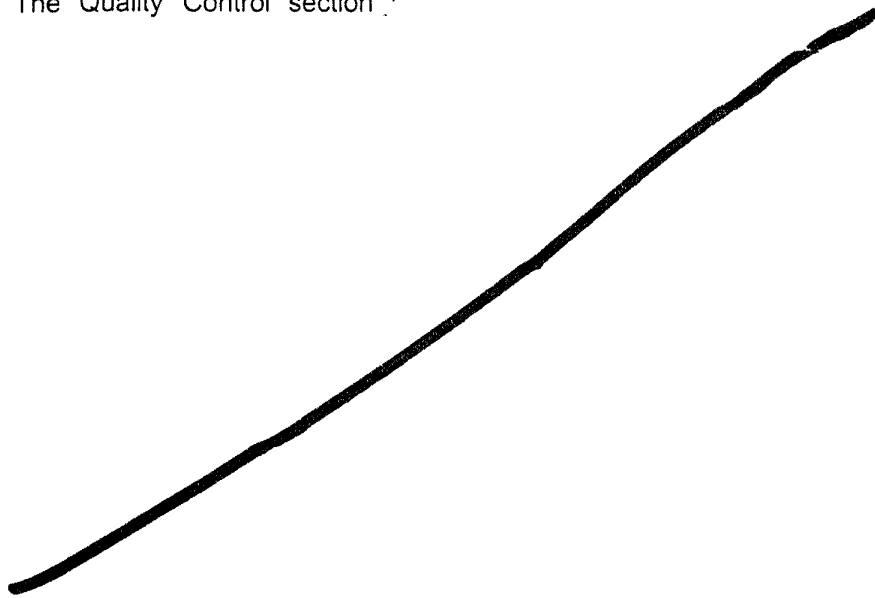
The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the nineteenth maintenance inspection of your laboratory under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). Based upon our review of these reports, the laboratory's performance in this inspection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

E. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) section

F. The Chain of Custody, Accessioning, and Security section



G. The Quality Control section :



N. The Personnel section



Dr. Sample
Dr. Feldman
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RTI is recommending to 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,



Susan Crumpton
NLCP Technical Analyst

Enclosure

cc: Project Files/M19



NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Document Review and Critique

Laboratory I.D. Number: 0067
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

Location: Atlanta, GA

Document Reviewed: Application Form
 Inspection Report #M19 Date: 2 March 2000
 Other _____

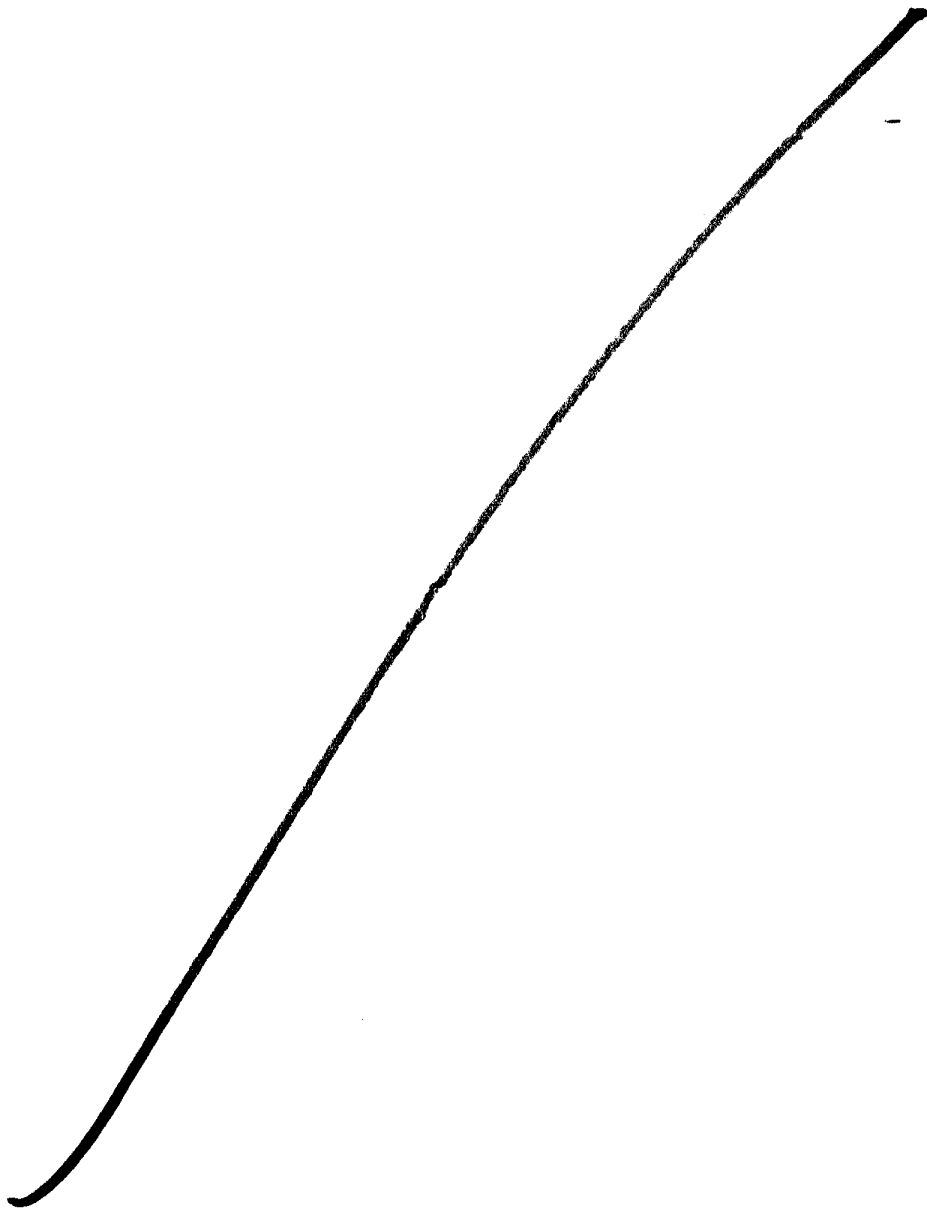
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 Unacceptable Failure

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

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Section H. Initial Tests

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Section I. Confirmatory Tests

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Section J. Records Audit

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Section K. Reporting

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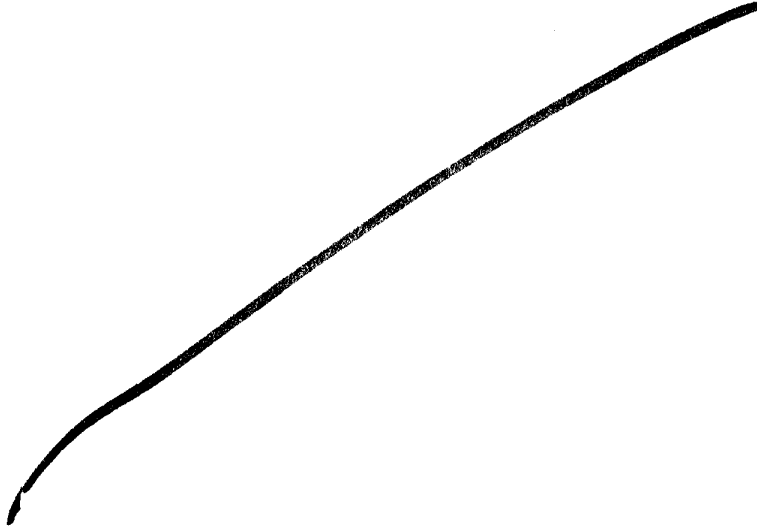
Section L. Computers, Software, and LIMS

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Section M. Equipment and Maintenance



Section N. Personnel





November 8, 2000

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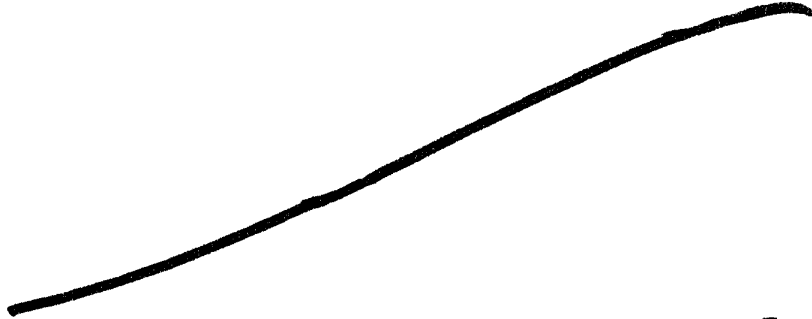
Dear Dr. Sample:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the twentieth maintenance inspection of your laboratory under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). Based upon our review of these reports, the outcome of the laboratory's performance in this inspection is unacceptable. Before RTI will recommend continued certification of your laboratory, the laboratory must successfully complete the following remedial actions:

E. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) section

F. The Chain of Custody, Accessioning, and Security section

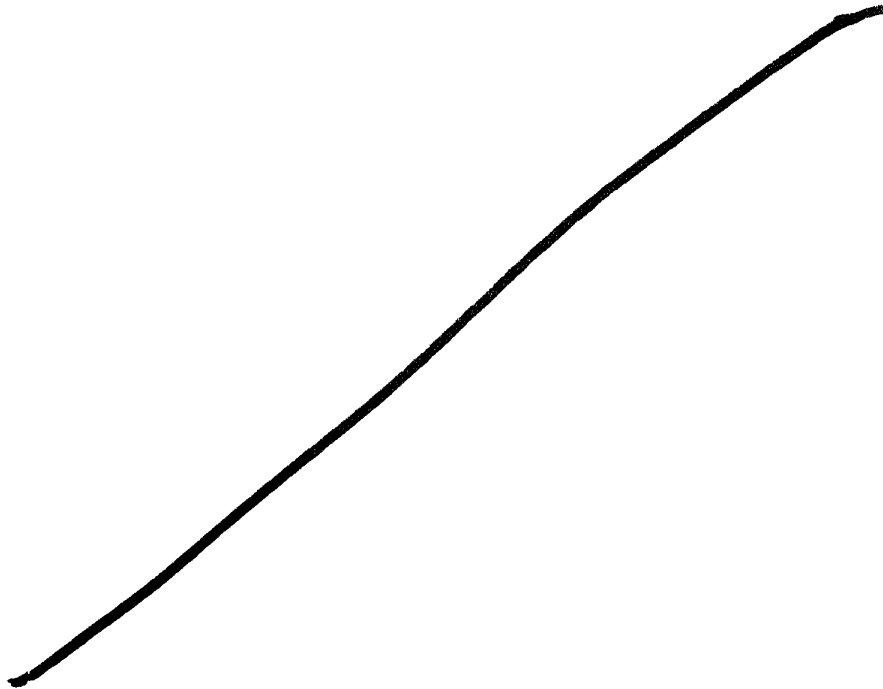
G. The Quality Control section



H. The Initial Tests section



I. The Confirmatory Tests section



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J. The Records Audit

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N. The Personnel section

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The laboratory must submit, within 5 calendar days of receipt of this letter, a plan to complete all remedial actions. Once this plan is approved, the laboratory will have a maximum of 30 calendar days to implement the plan and to complete all necessary remedial actions. If the laboratory fails to provide and execute an approved plan, RTI will recommend to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that your laboratory's certification be suspended and/or revoked. The laboratory should also review the enclosed critique and take all necessary corrective actions.

Dr. Sample
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The NLCP reserves the right to conduct an inspection to determine full compliance with the requirements of this letter. The laboratory is hereby notified that failure to sustain acceptable performance in the inspection phase of this program may result in our recommendation to HHS that your laboratory's certification be suspended and/or revoked, consistent with sections 3.13 and 3.14 of the Mandatory Guidelines.

In responding to the issues raised, please organize the material in accordance with the item numbers listed in the text of this letter. If we can be of assistance or answer any questions, 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

Document Review and Critique

Laboratory I.D. Number: 0067
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

Location: Atlanta, GA

Document Reviewed: Application Form
 Inspection Report #M20 Date: 14 September 2000
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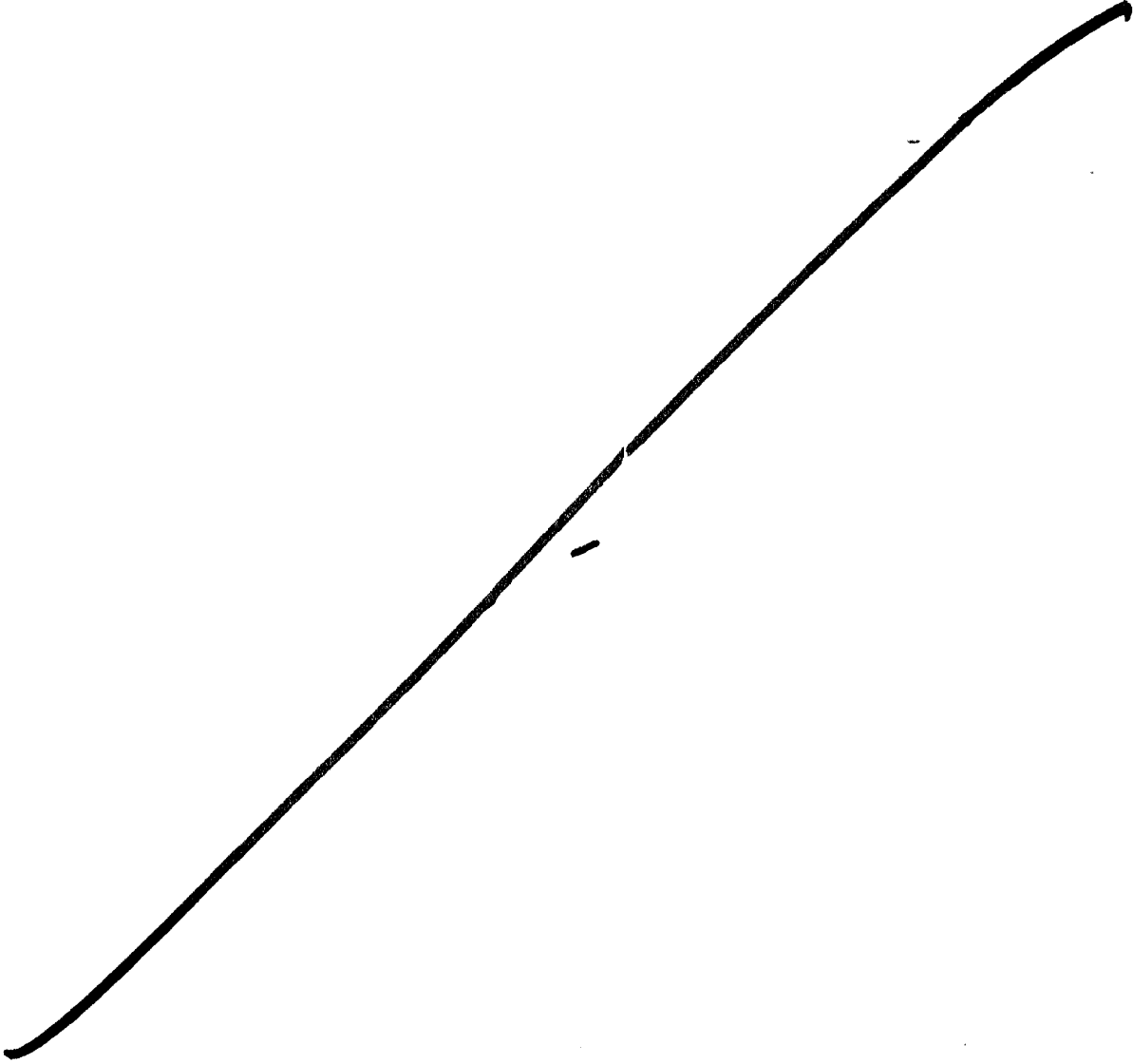
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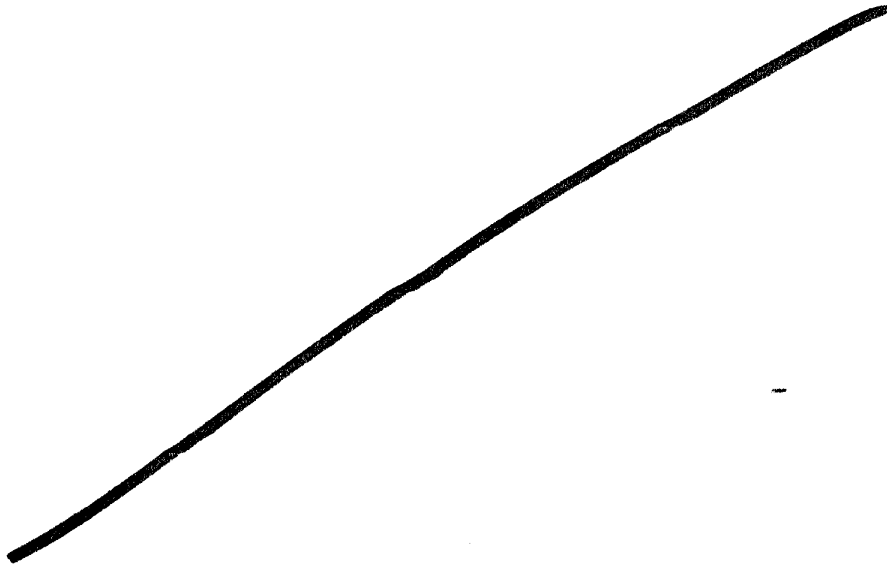
A review of the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) inspection reports has been completed. It is the judgment of the reviewers that the laboratory has not met the standards required for the inspection phase of the Program. Evidence that appropriate remedial action has been taken is required for continued certification.

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.

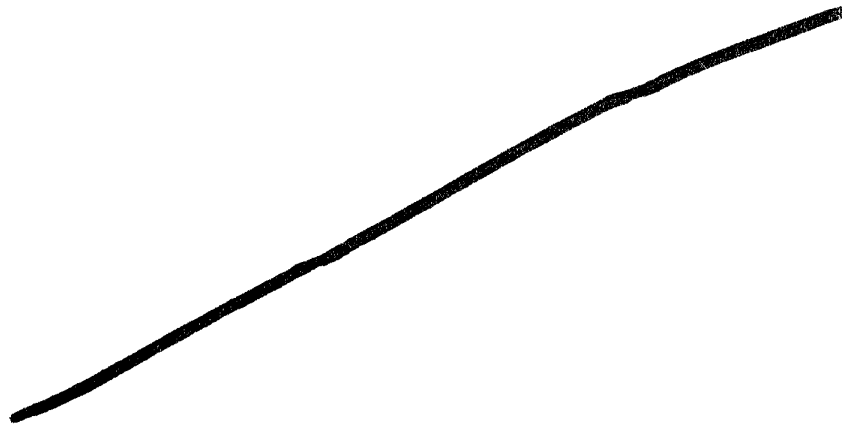
The following comments were noted, and appear in the same order as the corresponding questions in the Laboratory Inspection Report:

Section E. Standard Operating Procedures - Procedures Manual



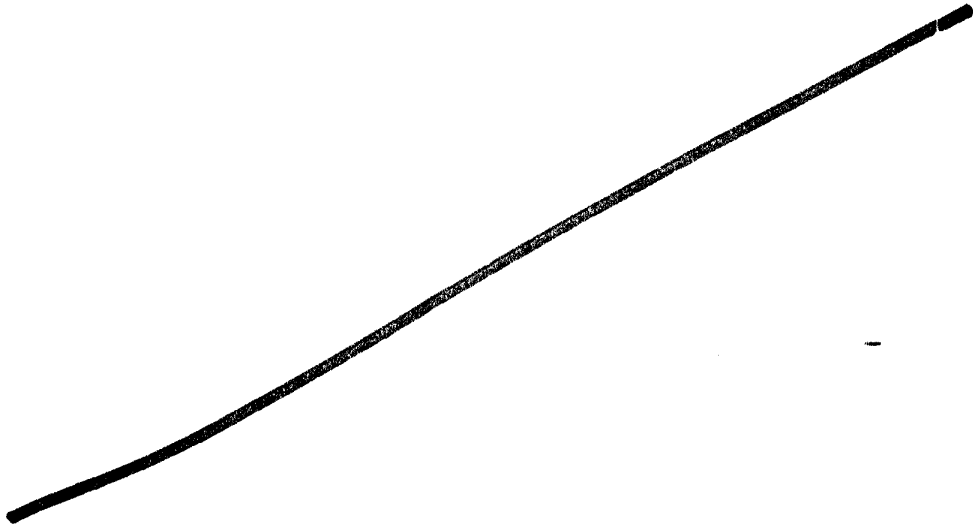


Section F. Chain-of-Custody, Accessioning, and Security



Section G. Quality Control



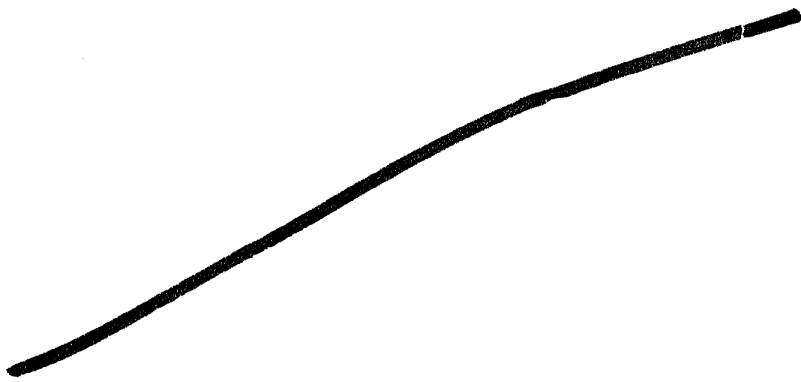


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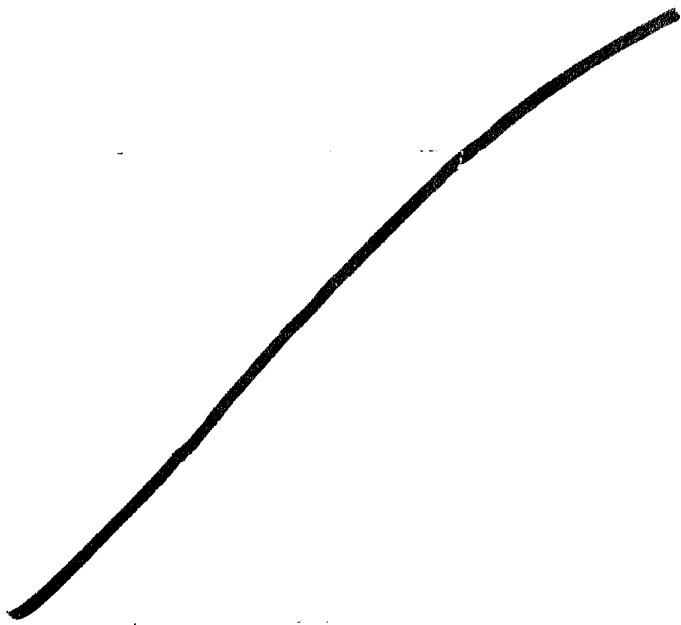


Section I. Confirmatory Tests





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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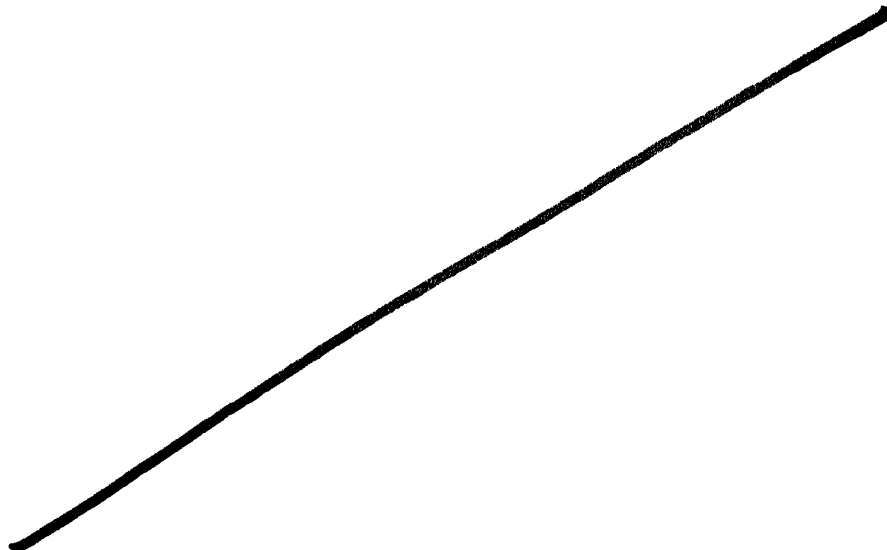


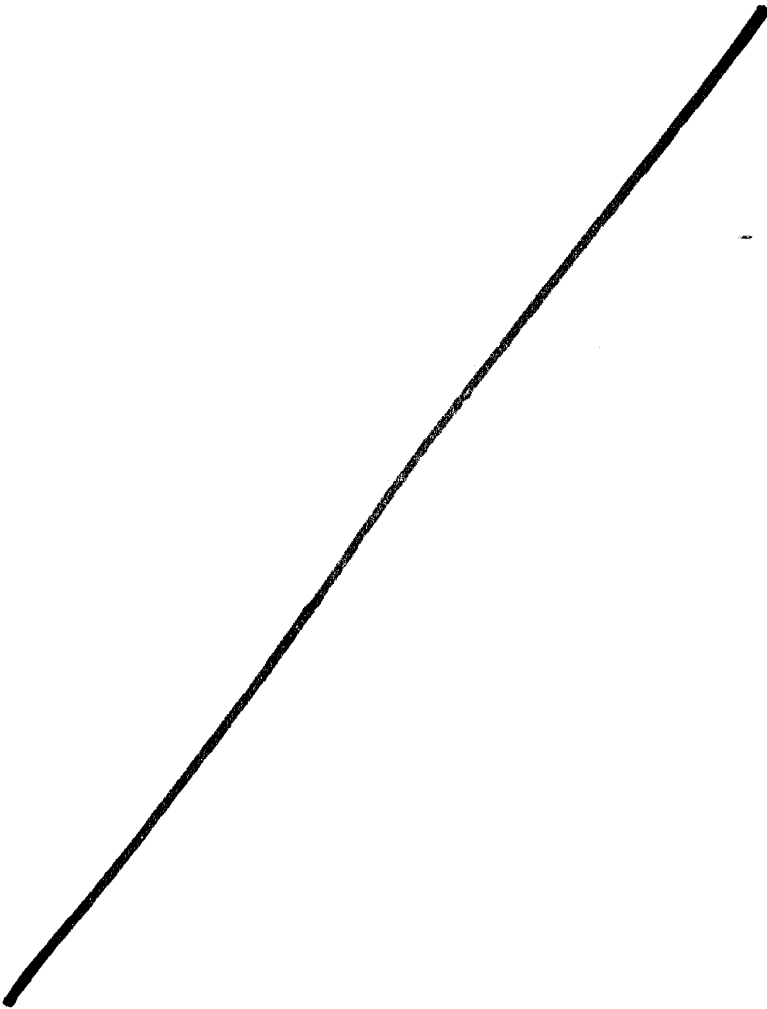
Susan Crumpton
NLCP Technical Analyst
National Laboratory Certification Program
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Dear Ms. Crumpton:

This letter is in response to the critique dated November 8, 2000 requesting a corrective action plan for deficiencies cited during the twentieth maintenance inspection of our laboratory (#0067) under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). Based on the information communicated to the laboratory during the exit interview process, the laboratory was able to initiate corrective action to address a majority of the items listed. The following information addresses each cited deficiency with a plan for corrective action or clarification of the issue:

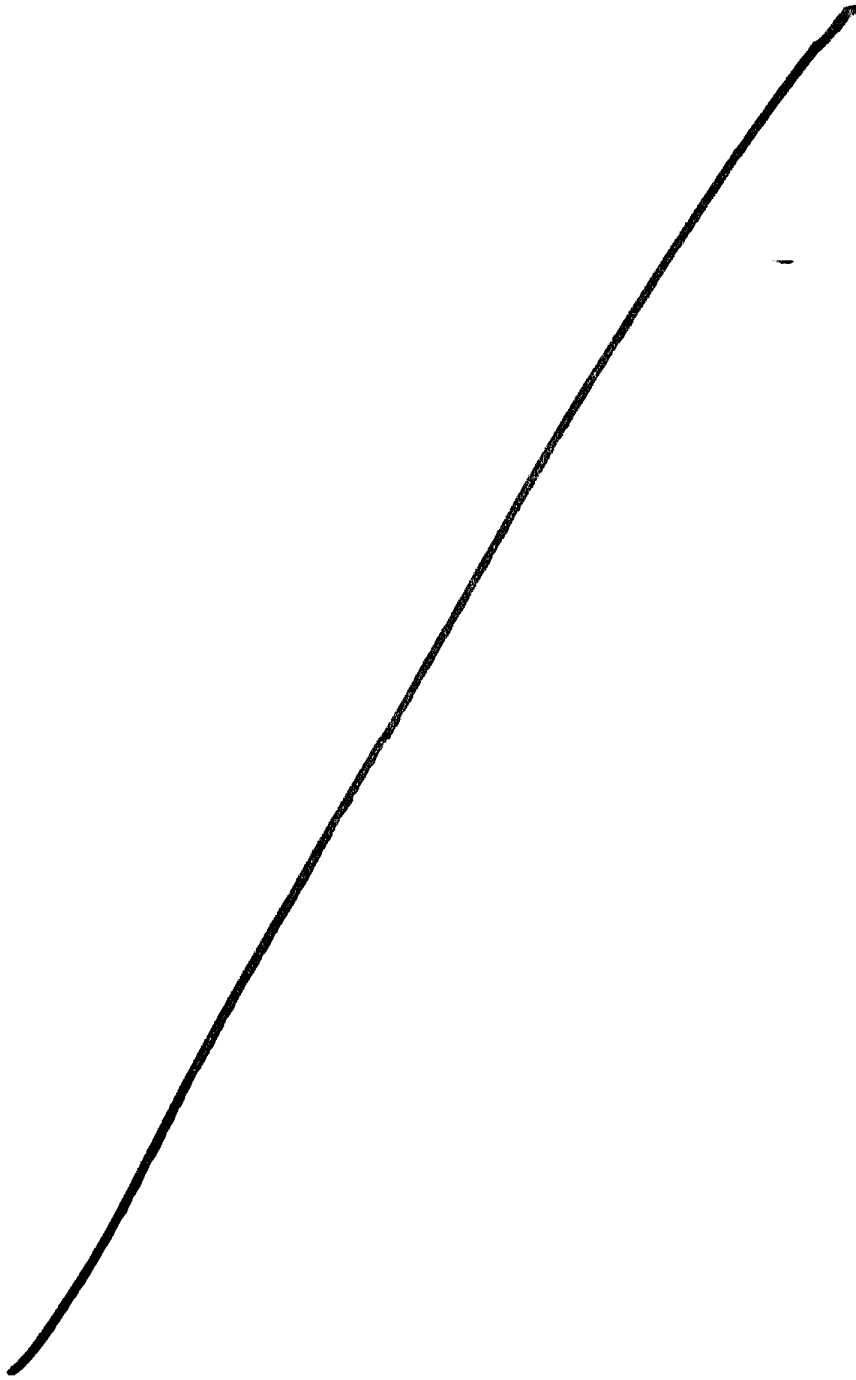
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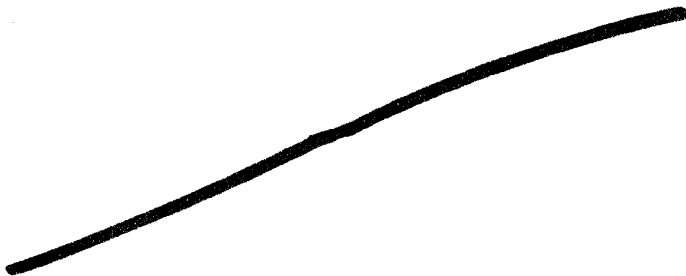




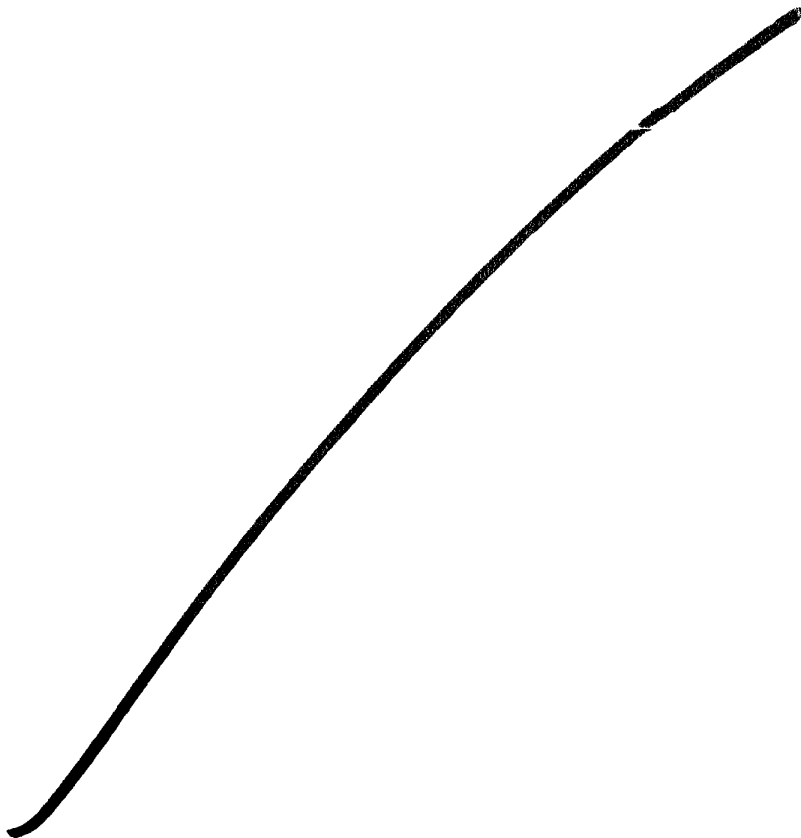
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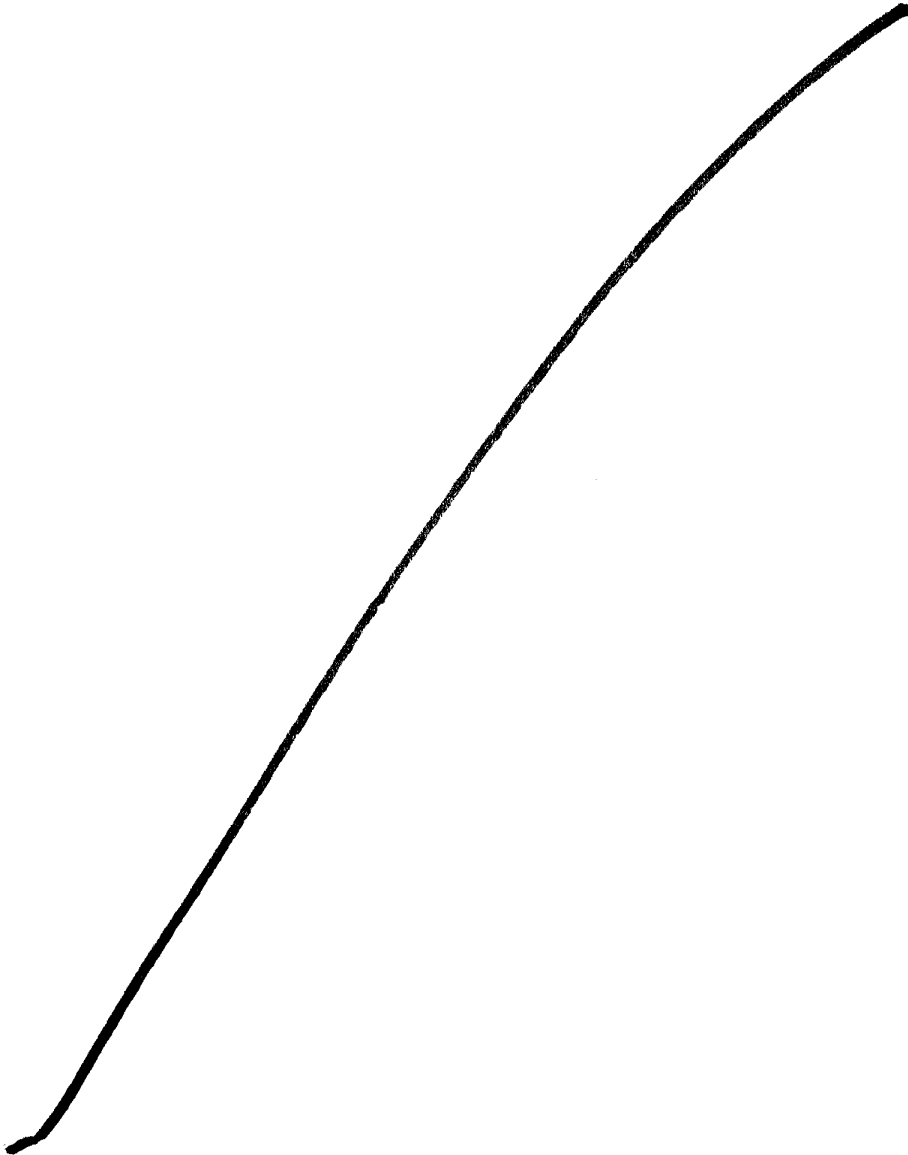
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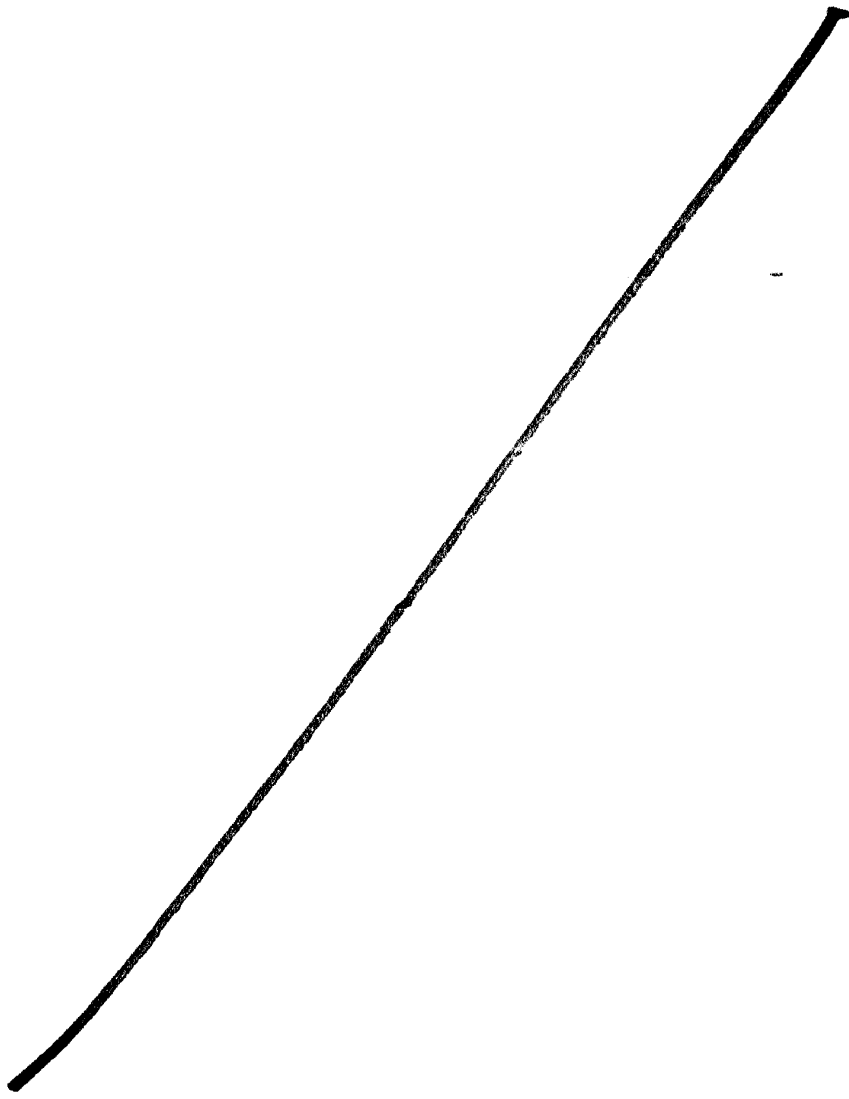


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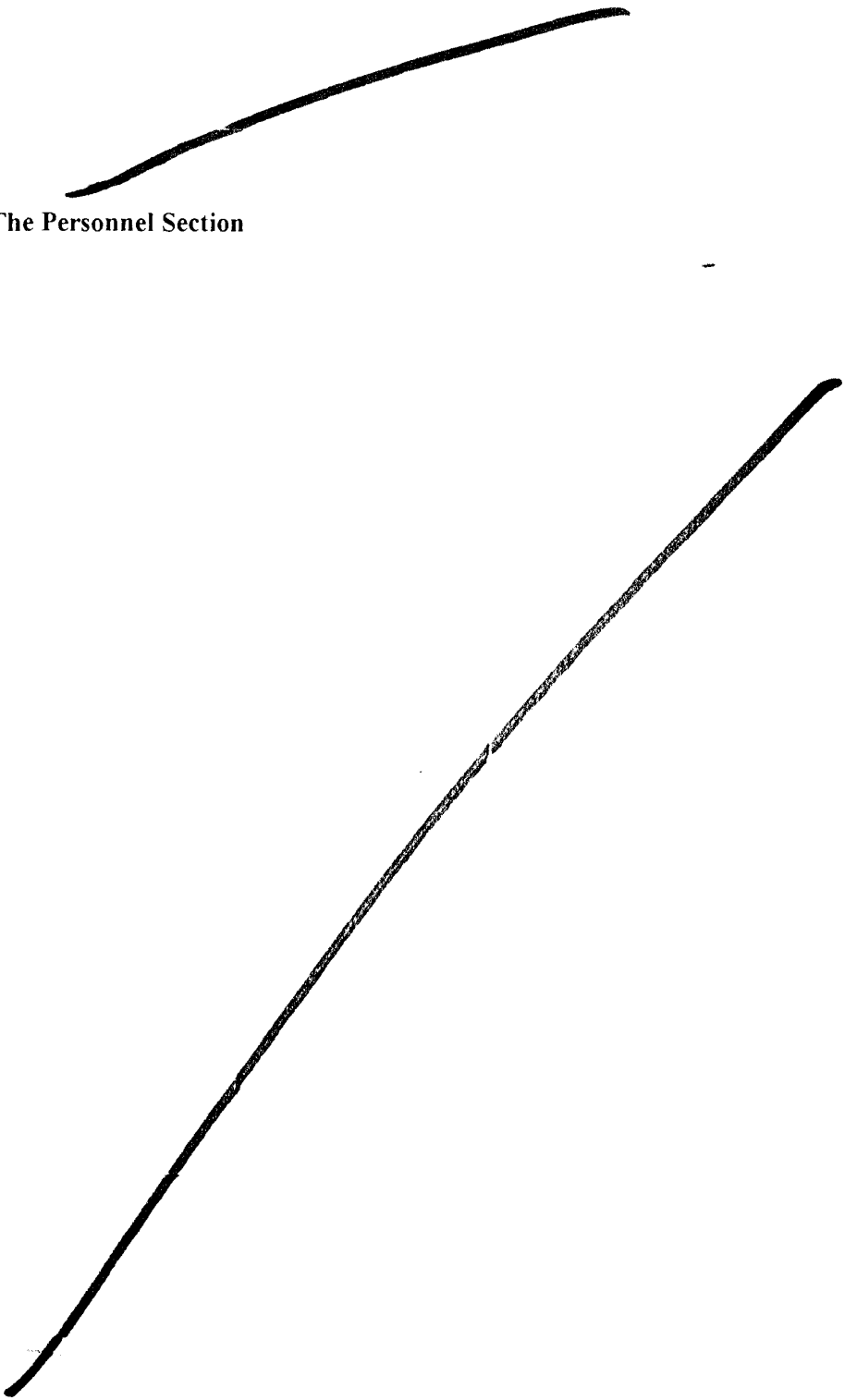


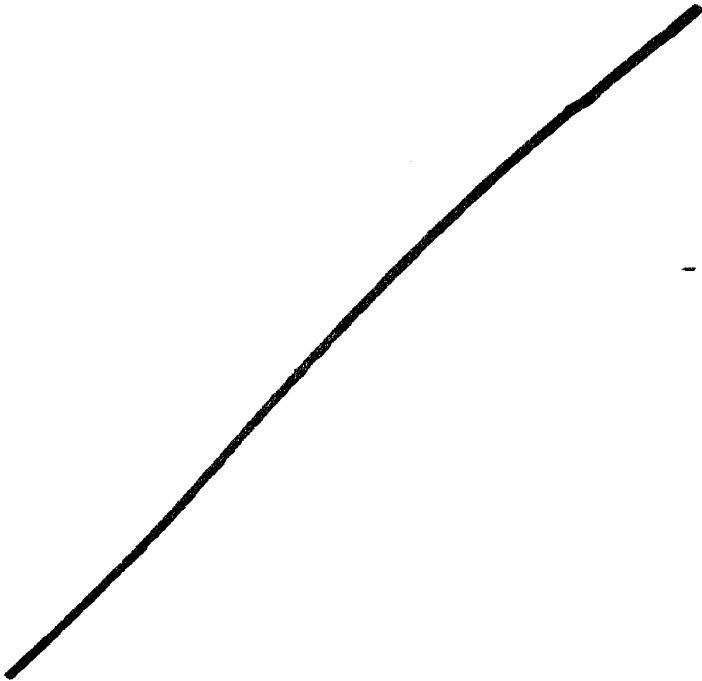


Section J: Records Audit



Section N: The Personnel Section





If you have any questions pertaining to the laboratory corrective action plan, please contact Dr. Barry Sample at (770) 936-5024 or Brian Brunelli at (770) 936-5009.

Sincerely,

R.H. Barry Sample, Ph.D.
Responsible Person

Brian A. Brunelli
Responsible Person (in-training)



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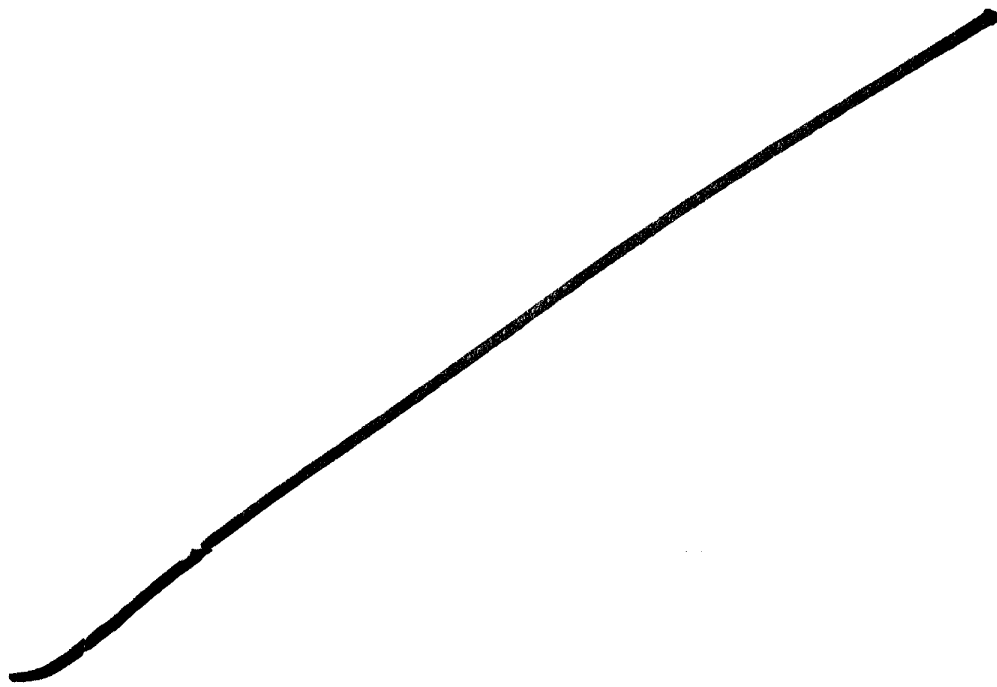
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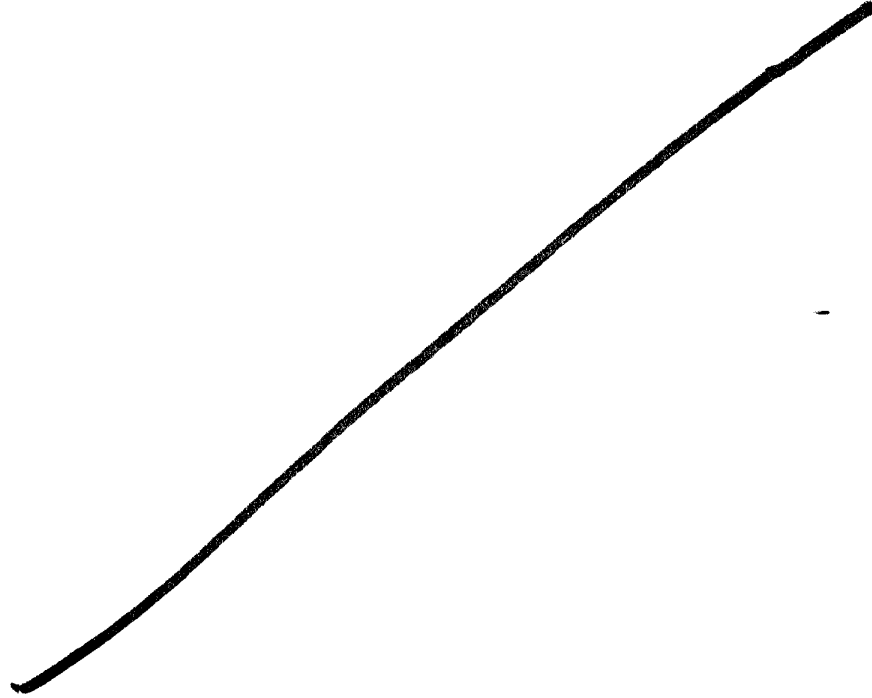
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Dr. R.H. Barry Sample
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Dear Dr. Sample:

We have reviewed the laboratory's proposed action plan submitted in your correspondence of November 13, 2000, provided in response to the deficiencies cited during the twentieth maintenance inspection of your laboratory as outlined in our correspondence of November 8, 2000. The plan to clarify and/or correct the deficiencies noted was found overall acceptable, with the following exceptions:



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The laboratory must submit the final report within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter. This report must include documentation to demonstrate completion of remedial actions outlined in your correspondence. If you have any questions or want to further clarify any of these issues, please call me at (919) 541-6176 or Dr. Michael Baylor at (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,

Susan Crumpton
NLCP Technical Analyst

cc: Dr. Michael Baylor
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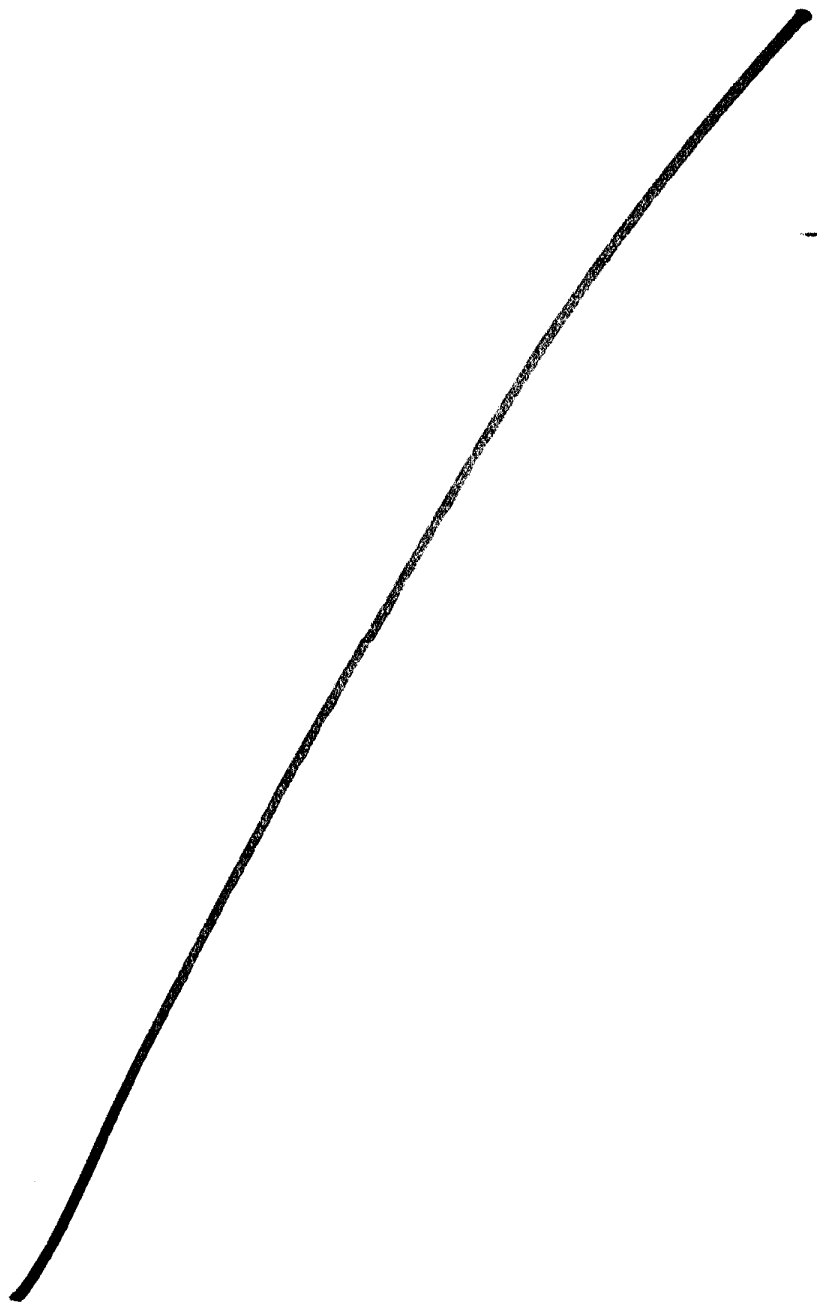
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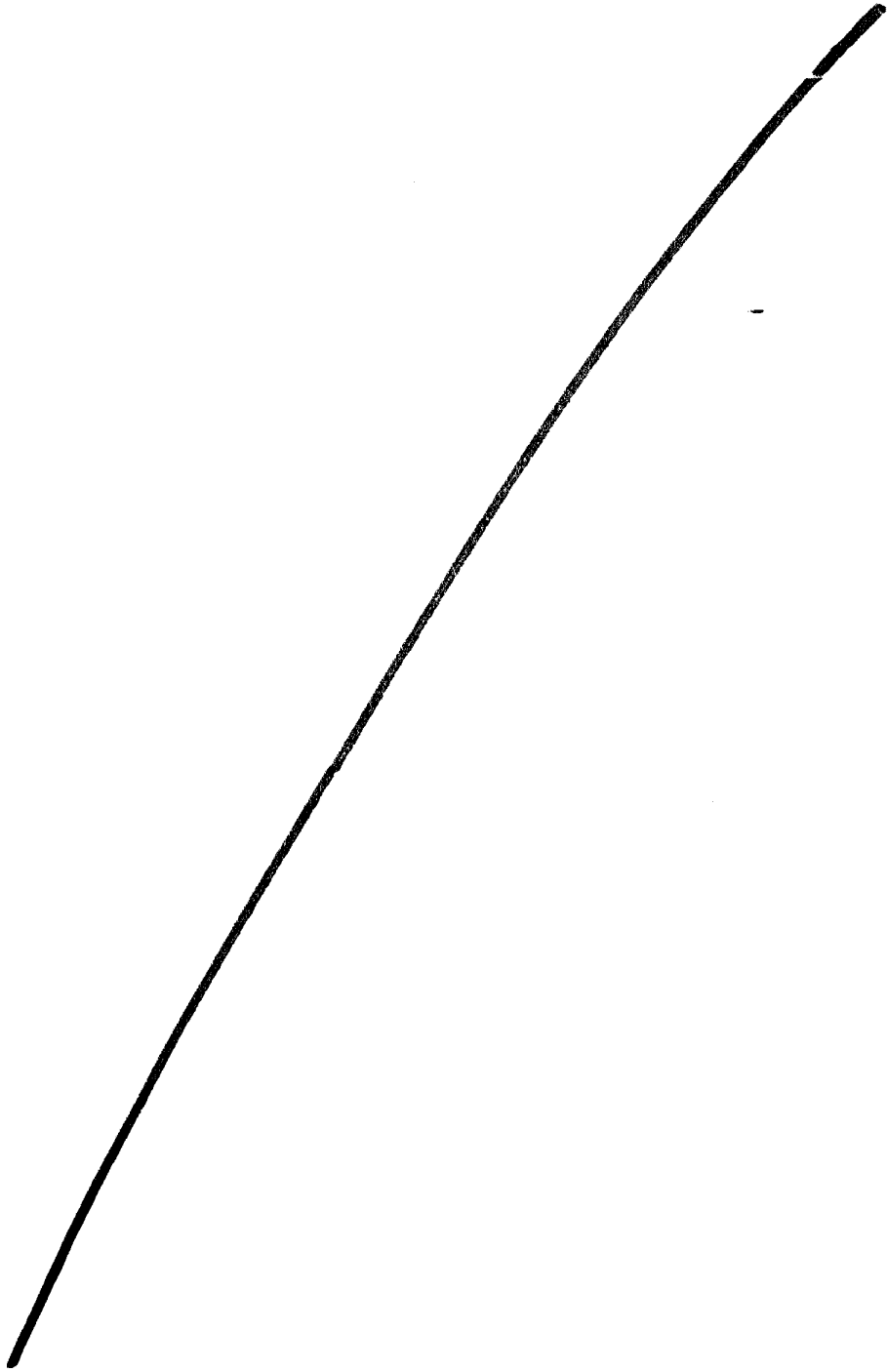
Susan Crumpton
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Dear Ms. Crumpton:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated December 8, 2000 requesting documentation to demonstrate completion of remedial actions that were outlined in the laboratory November 13, 2000 corrective action plan. The laboratory has completed all remedial actions and is including the following documentation for your review and approval:

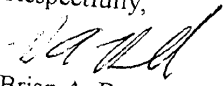
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If you have any questions pertaining to the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact me at (770) 936-5009.

Respectfully,



Brian A. Brunelli
Responsible Person (in-training)



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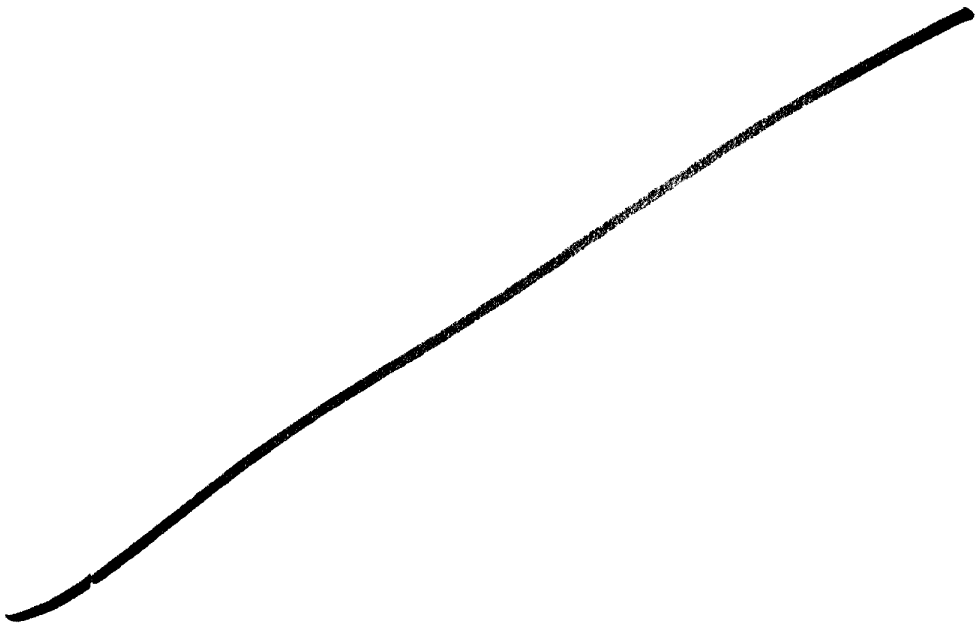
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Dr. R.H. Barry Sample
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Dear Dr. Sample:

We have reviewed the material provided in your correspondence of January 22, 2001, submitted in response to deficiencies cited during the twentieth maintenance inspection of your laboratory as outlined in our correspondence of November 8 and December 8, 2000. The information submitted by the laboratory appears to demonstrate that appropriate remedial actions have been completed to address the deficiencies cited. However, the following issues were raised during our review of the laboratory's submission:



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Based upon our review of the material submitted, RTI is recommending to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that your laboratory continue to be certified under the National Laboratory Certification Program. The implementation of 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 Michael Baylor, Ph.D. (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,



Susan Crumpton
NLCP Technical Analyst

cc: Dr. Michael Baylor
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