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Gentlemen:

**Subject:** Fitness for Duty Program, Unsatisfactory HHS-Certified  
Laboratory Performance, Report No. 92-001

**Ref:** Letter dated January 6, 1992, G.C. Sorensen to USNRC  
Document Control Desk, same subject

The purpose of this letter is to supplement the subject report with current information. The referenced letter transmitted a report of inconsistent blind performance test results involving the two HHS-certified laboratories that provide drug testing services for the Supply System. In the background section of the report, the two HHS-certified laboratories used by the Supply System are identified as: "Laboratory of Pathology" and "MedTox Laboratories." On page 3 of the report, there is a discussion about laboratory corrective actions and a justification for continued use of Laboratory of Pathology.

The Supply System has re-evaluated the decision to continue using Laboratory of Pathology and decided that, until the inconsistent blind/collected sample issue is resolved, the services of Laboratory of Pathology will not be used. Accordingly, a contract with a new HHS-certified laboratory was executed on February 3, 1992, with the first specimens sent on March 2, 1992. The new laboratory is:

CompuChem Laboratories  
3308 Chapel Hill/Nelson Highway  
P.O. Box 12652  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

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Submittal of the specimens to CompuChem occurred after the collection technicians had received training, supplies had been procured from CompuChem, and arrangements made with the Medical Review Officer (MRO). On March 9, 1992, the Supply System terminated the contract with Laboratory of Pathology. The contract with the MEDTOX remains in effect.

In addition to providing an update herein, it should be noted that on page one of the subject report, the date of initial MRO notification to the Supply System was incorrectly reported as April 3, 1991. The correct date is April 8, 1991.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me or Don Coody, Supervisor, Fitness For Duty, at (509) 377-4413.

Sincerely,



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