

National Laboratory Certification Program

October 02, 1998

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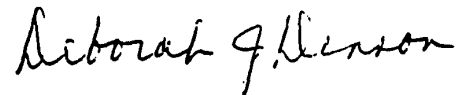
Dear Dr. Singh:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the two inspectors who conducted the fourth 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. 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) 541-7265 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: 0239

Document No. Final

Laboratory: Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Forensic Toxicology Laboratory

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Document Reviewed: Application Form
 Inspection Report #M4 Date: 10 September 1998
 Other _____

Status: Highly Acceptable Acceptable
 Unacceptable Failure

A review of the two 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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National Laboratory Certification Program

March 30, 1999

0239
Dr. Jasbir Singh
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Dear Dr. Singh:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the fifth 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 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 Inspection Analyst

Enclosure

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NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Document Review and Critique

Laboratory I.D. Number: 0239
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Document Reviewed: Application Form
 Inspection Report #M5 Date: 4 March 1999
 Other _____

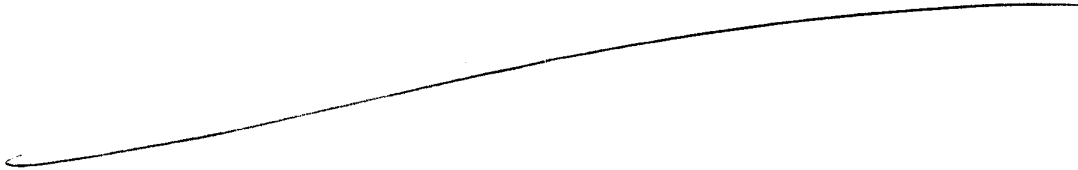
Status: Highly Acceptable Acceptable
 Unacceptable Failure

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.

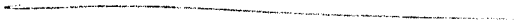
There were a number of comments and observations generated as a result of the inspection that are detailed on the following pages for the attention of the laboratory before its next inspection.

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



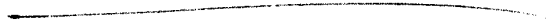
Section G. Quality Control



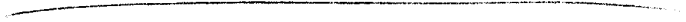
Section H. Initial Tests



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

October 4, 1999

0239
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Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service - VAMC
Forensic Toxicology Lab (Mail Stop 113)
1 Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Dear Dr. Singh:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the sixth 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 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 Inspection Analyst

Enclosure

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NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Document Review and Critique

Laboratory I.D. Number: 0239
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service-VAMC

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Document Reviewed: Application Form
 Inspection Report #M6 Date: 9 September 1999
 Other _____

Status: Highly Acceptable Acceptable
 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

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

March 22, 2000

0239
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Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Forensic Toxicology Lab (Mail Stop 113)
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Minneapolis, MN 55417

Dear Dr. Singh:

The enclosed critique was developed from the inspection reports of the inspectors who conducted the seventh 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 the 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 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

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NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Document Review and Critique

Laboratory I.D. Number: 0239
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Document Reviewed: Application Form
 Inspection Report #M7 Date: 2 March 2000
 Other _____

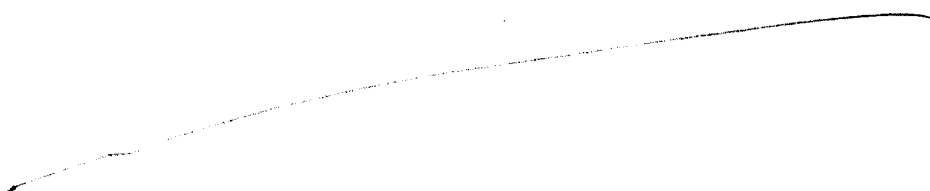
Status: Highly Acceptable Acceptable
 Unacceptable Failure

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:

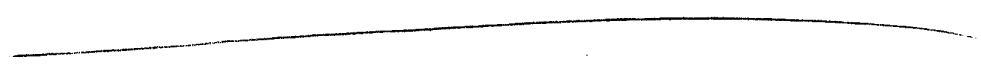
Section E. Standard Operating Procedures - Procedures Manual



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



Section G. Quality Control



Section H. Initial Tests



Section I. Confirmatory Tests



Section J. Records Audit



Section K. Reporting



Section L. Computers, Software, and LIMS

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Section M. Equipment and Maintenance

Section N. Personnel



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National Laboratory Certification Program

October 10, 2000

0239
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Minneapolis, MN 55417

Dear Dr. Singh:

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 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) 541-7265 or Dr. Michael R. Baylor at (919) 541-7043.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Denson
NLCP Technical Analyst

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NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Document Review and Critique

Laboratory I.D. Number: 0239
Document No. Final

Laboratory: Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Document Reviewed: Application Form
 Inspection Report #M8 Date: 7 September 2000
 Other _____

Status: Highly Acceptable Acceptable
 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

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
