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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Karenza Fedele, Quality Assurance Program Manager
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Dear Karenza Fedele:

FDEP received your proposed corrective actions to the deficiencies noted in the Overflow Microbiological Analysis Audit Report on July 18, 2011. Thank you for your rapid response and effort made to address the deficiencies reported in the audit.

The corrective actions in your response are appropriate and are in compliance with the requirements of FDEP Contract # LAB037. The corrective action to Deficiency #2 is acceptable, with the clarification that the frequency of duplicate analysis is 10% of samples and at least one sample per test **run** (i.e. batch of samples run on the same day).

This letter and your response will be attached to the Overflow Laboratory for Microbiological Analysis Audit Report and together with the on-site assessment evaluation checklist will comprise the final audit report.

Based on the information collected and reviewed during the on-site evaluation on June 29, 2011 and contingent upon the corrective actions to deficiencies noted in the audit report, Columbia Analytical Services meets the minimum criteria for data quality required by FDEP Contract # LAB037 and data reported under this contract is acceptable for use by FDEP.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Daisys Tamayo at (850)245-8162.

Sincerely,

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