



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental
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Dear Dr. Baker:

I am pleased to inform you that STERLING Reference Laboratories, Tacoma, Washington, has successfully met all of the requirements for laboratory certification as specified in the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (69 FR 19644).

STERLING Reference Laboratories will be placed on the list of laboratories certified as eligible to bid on contracts to perform drug testing for Federal Drug-Free Workplace Programs. The list of laboratories certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on behalf of HHS will be sent to all Federal Agencies. Updates to this list will be published every month in the Federal Register, and made available to the general public upon request.

To maintain certification from HHS, STERLING Reference Laboratories must continue to meet all the requirements of the Federal Guidelines as specified in Subpart C--Certification of Laboratories Engaged in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies. Maintenance of certification requires participation in a quarterly performance testing program plus periodic, on-site inspections (see § 3.2(b), 3.17, 3.18, 3.19 and 3.20).

The HHS laboratory standards for urine drug testing certification were designed to assure Federal Agencies and their employees that the laboratories and the scientific and methodological procedures used are of the highest quality. Your laboratory is to be congratulated for meeting all the requirements of the Department's program.

If you have any questions concerning the HHS National Laboratory Certification Program, please contact the Division of Workplace Programs at (240) 276-2600.

Sincerely,

Eric B. Broderick, D.D.S., M.P.H.
Acting Administrator
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