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Ms. Diane J. Wood
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Re: RAA Drug & Alcohol Testing Seminar

Dear Diane:

Thank you for your participation in the RAA Drug & Alcohol Testing Seminar last week. We enjoyed a record turnout, as participants were keen to hear the important information you and your team provided.

We also wanted to thank you for providing clarification concerning the enforcement philosophy of the Drug Abatement Division. Many have expressed grave concerns that they would be held responsible for drug & alcohol testing violations many tiers down the chain of maintenance.

Your answer to a question on this subject assured us that Drug Abatement Office inspectors will focus on the program of the entity being inspected, as well as the steps that entity has taken to ensure compliance of companies with which it has a direct contract. Only in extreme cases, where an inspector determines that a violation at a lower tier has resulted from an egregious lack of oversight by higher tier companies, would the Drug Abatement Office inspectors go "up the chain" more than one tier to assess violations.

If our understanding of Drug Abatement Office's enforcement philosophy is incorrect, I would greatly appreciate being informed at your earliest convenience. The industry is eager to know exactly what to expect when the subcontractor testing goes into effect on October 10.

Again, thank you for your participation, and I look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the Drug Abatement Office in the future.

Sincerely,

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