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Dear Mr. Fabian:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your concerns regarding the calibration of measuring and test equipment detailed in your December 10, 2010 letter.

Your assertion that the techniques and procedures used for calibrating measuring and test equipment include both industry standards as well as those provided by the manufacturer is correct. This position is clearly stated in the regulatory (14 CFR § 145.211), orders (8900.1 paragraph 6-1756) and advisory (AC 145-9 paragraph 4-12) references you provided.

The Aircraft Maintenance Division will make this clarification a topic of interest to be mentioned in a future teleconference with our regional airworthiness representatives. We will include in the discussion that the regulations and guidance are clear, unambiguous, and are to be followed without additional constraint. We will also instruct that this information be passed down to the managers and airworthiness inspectors in the district offices.

I apologize for the delay in responding and hope this will provide the clarity you request. If you have further questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact Martin Bailey, Repair Station Branch Manager at 202.385.6400 or by email at martin.j.bailey@faa.gov.

Of course you are always welcome to contact me directly.

Sincerely,


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