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Dear Ms. Loginsky:

In a previous notification, dated March 11, 2021, the Washington State Patrol Toxicology Laboratory Division indicated that a six-month retrospective review of cases with quantitative methamphetamine results was being conducted. This retrospective review of approximately 1,300 cases is complete and all reported methamphetamine results were verified.

The Laboratory has also been working with a representative from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to facilitate environmental testing of the Laboratory. The Laboratory is now a participant in a current NIST study, the goal of which is to establish drug background levels present in a forensic science facility. Samples were collected from sites representing all laboratory areas including those used for evidence handling, sample preparation, and instrumental analysis. The samples were sent to NIST for analysis. A summary report of the test results has been received. This NIST report has also been provided to personnel at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for review and further consideration.

Both a list of the cases included in the retrospective review of methamphetamine cases and the NIST report will be posted to the Toxicology Laboratory website in the coming weeks: <https://wsp.wa.gov/forensics/toxicology.htm>

Sincerely,

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Acting Toxicology Laboratory Division Commander

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