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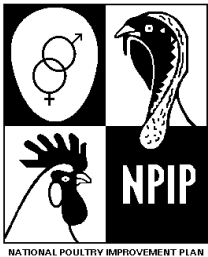
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Re: 2020 NPIP Service Review

Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
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Dear Montana VDL:

The NPIP National Office is pleased to inform you that your laboratory met most requirements as outlined in §147.52 of the Code of Federal Regulations to continue operations as an NPIP authorized laboratory. Our records do indicate, however, you will need to send a technician to the next available Avian Influenza Workshop.

Thank you for your dedication to meeting the NPIP authorized laboratory standards and for your service to the entire poultry industry. If your laboratory needs to make changes, in the future, to your offered NPIP tests, changes to your laboratory contact information or other pertinent information, please work with your OSA and NPIP office to make any necessary changes.

As a reminder, here are a few important points

- **Every year (or as provided)**—Pass a proficiency test for each assay that your lab routinely runs
- **Every 2 years**—Schedule a site visit and recordkeeping audit with your OSA. The last OSA visit to your laboratory occurred in 2020
- **Every 3 years**—Complete a Service Review administered by the NPIP Office
- **Every 4 years**—Trained technicians must attend and satisfactorily complete Service-approved laboratory workshops for Plan-specific diseases
- ** Regularly**-- utilize the NPIP website at www.poultryimprovement.org to ensure that laboratory SOP's are up to date with the current Program Standards or CFR requirements

The next NPIP Service Review is scheduled to take place in the fall of 2023. To facilitate completion of this Review, please maintain a copy of all proficiency test results and technicians' workshop certificates from this point forward.

Thank you again for keeping our nation's poultry flocks healthy through your dedication to NPIP!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Burden, DVM
Laboratory Coordinator