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Paul H. Lohaus, Director
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Dear Mr. Lohaus:

In the past few months, The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been in contact with your staff regarding a problem with the State of New York's Department of Labor failure to maintain a Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) Registry for a gauge distributed to two Iowa facilities. It is my opinion that their willful lack of attention to the SS&D system threatens to severely compromise a necessary and valuable licensing tool.

I am requesting that the next Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review for New York include a comparison of the general distribution licenses and the SS&D Registry to determine if any other updates are being ignored. Because the situation in New York has also raised my level of concern for the entire SS&D system, I think that it may be appropriate to conduct a similar review for other SS&D entities.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or George F. Johns, Jr. at (515) 725-0307.

Sincerely,

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