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Dear Mr. Horton:

## SUBJECT: ANNUAL YMP AUDIT

Our annual YMP audit was held March 25-29, 1991, and I would like to share some of my observations with you.

The technical portion of the audit was more thorough than in previous audits—a satisfying trend we hope will continue. This audit was a positive experience for our Principal Investigators.

The audit team was very professional and did not conduct the audit in a punitive manner. Problems were identified and discussed openly and frankly. The audit team considered our opinions and did not try to impose their views upon us simply because we might conduct business in a "different" way. The bottom line is that the audit and report should provide a basis to improve our program further.

The audit team leader, Richard Powe, kept the audit team and observers on track, instilled a level of consistency, and provided fair arbitration. Emphasis focused on how successfully we were implementing our program, not on "dotting i's and crossing t's." Mr. Powe's cool hand was much appreciated.

This approach created a constructive atmosphere and provided us with a positive influence. Most importantly, this approach will help provide a stronger QA program.

Sincerely,



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