

February 8, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO: Darren Ash
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FROM: Kathy Lyons-Burke **/RA/**
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 Compliance, and Training Team

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If found acceptable, please sign your name and date your signature in the approvals section found on the first page of the standard.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

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