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To: Regulators and Drug Residue Database Reporters

From: Paul M. Hoge, Technical Director, National Milk Drug Residue Database Program (NMDRD)

As I transition to the position of Technical Director this July 1st, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Dennis Tidwell for his help in “showing me the ropes” with respect to the NMDRD Program. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Dennis, as well as GLH Inc. President Greg Haugan and all the staff for welcoming me to this company and its’ mission of operating an excellent quality national database for the antibiotic testing of our nation’s milk supply.

While on board with GLH, Inc. during the last eight months, I have seen much accomplished by our staff with respect to the NMDRD! Not only was the FY 2018 NMDRD Annual Report prepared and issued, a special Intermittent Report on Tetracyclines and a Revised FY 2018 Annual Report have also been prepared since the Annual Report at the request of the Food and Drug Administration. I would like to thank each of our dairy industry data reporters, data entry persons, and data administrators who work each day to provide this data in an accurate and timely manner so that these reports can be prepared to serve the nation’s dairy industry.

As the end of the FY 2019 is only one more quarter away, our work on the FY 2019 Annual Report is just around the corner. Please keep the data coming in on a timely basis and remember that December 1st is our due date for all data through the end of September so that it can be included in the FY 2019 report. Should you have any questions, you are welcome to contact me using my contact information above. Also, don’t forget to access our website, <https://www.nmdrd.com/> for all of its’ excellent reference materials including a Question and Answers document and complete reporting instructions for the web based NMDRD application.

I look forward to working with all of you! Please continue to enjoy a safe and happy Summer season.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Hoge
Technical Director
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