

ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor HOWARD A. ZUCKER, M.D., J.D. Commissioner **SALLY DRESLIN, M.S., R.N.** Executive Deputy Commissioner

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Mr. Kenneth Shulman Assistant Comptroller New York State Office of the State Comptroller 110 State Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Albany, New York 12236

Dear Mr. Shulman:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 170 of New York State Executive Law, I hereby transmit to you the New York State Department of Health's comments related to the Office of the State Comptroller's final audit report 2018-S-1 entitled, "Environmental Laboratory Approval Program."

The Department of Health acknowledges receipt of the OSC's final report 2018-S-1, Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP), and is pleased to note OSC found significant compliance with ELAP procedures and protocols in the areas reviewed (Wadsworth's processes for certifying, monitoring and enforcing regulations over environmental laboratories).

Sincerely,

Sally Dreslin, M.S., R.N. Executive Deputy Commissioner

cc: Estibaliz Alonso