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Mr. John Buyce
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Re: 90 Day Response to Audit Report
Dairy Process Monitoring (2014-S-16)

Dear Mr. Buyce:

Pursuant to Executive Law § 170, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets offers the following 90 day update on actions taken to implement the recommendation contained in the above referenced audit report.

Recommendation 1: Develop the current capabilities of the Milk Inspection Program (MIP) database, in conjunction with the Office of Information Technology Services, to easily and readily store, access, and analyze all inspection information.

Draft Report Response: The Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) approved the Department's Project Request in May 2014 with a July 2014 start date. ITS programming staff have begun a system analysis including a review of the data elements to be included in this upgrade for the MIP Database. The results will be utilized to prepare the Project Design Plan. The project is expected to be completed by July 2015.

90 Day Update: Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) staff finished the System Design for the project during October. The System Development Phase is underway: Key deliverables include the addition of new inspection forms along with upgrading the database and application code to accommodate the integration of the new forms into the Milk Inspection Program. Completion of the Development Phase including system testing and user acceptance is scheduled for June 2015. The project is on track to be completed by July 2015.

Should you need additional information, kindly contact Casey McCue, Director of the Milk Control and Dairy Services at (518) 457-1772.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Ball
Commissioner

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