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### **RE: Environmental Health Laboratory Terminating Animal Health Testing**

To our valued clients:

Due to reductions made to the Fiscal Year 2016 state budgets, the Environmental Health Laboratory (EHL) will no longer perform the following animal health tests, effective July 1, 2015:

- Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA)
- Johne's Disease
- Brucellosis

Specimens for the above tests that are received at EHL starting July 1, 2015 may be subcontracted to Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab (WADDL) in Pullman, WA. WADDL is accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) and is a founding member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN).

Alternatively, specimens may be sent direct to WADDL to minimize delay caused by the additional handling. Significant information, policies, submission forms, and fee schedule is available on their website: <http://waddl.vetmed.wsu.edu/waddl-home>.

Please be advised that compliance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGA) and/or the Code of Federal Regulation, "Authorized packaging and components for Infectious Substances" 49 CFR Part 173.196 may be required for proper packaging of shipments. Coordinate with the shipping service and the receiving laboratory carefully to ensure requirements and safety precautions are met.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patryce D. McKinney".

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