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SUBJECT: Center for Veterinary Biologics Move to New Location in Ames, Iowa

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties that all program functions within the Center for Veterinary Biologics will begin moving to a new location in Ames, Iowa, on July 13, 2009.

II. BACKGROUND

The USDA has built new laboratory and administration facilities in Ames, Iowa, to meet national needs for animal health research, diagnosis, and product evaluation and to replace existing facilities that are antiquated and inefficient. The facility modernizes and updates the USDA's National Animal Disease Center (NADC), the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL), and the Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB).

On July 13, CVB's Aspen Park administrative offices are scheduled to be the first to move to the new facilities. CVB Laboratory operations are scheduled to move in phases during the subsequent 8 weeks.

III. POLICY

The CVB Aspen Park offices will be packing June 29-July 10, 2009, to prepare for the physical transfer starting on July 13. During this time, there may be limited phone, mail, and e-mail access to employees.

Inspection and Compliance (IC):

The daily serial release process will be completed on July 10. However, entry of release requests will be postponed until July 14. The daily serial release process will be suspended completely July 13, and barring technical difficulties, will resume on July 14. Export certificates will not be processed July 2-22.



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Policy, Evaluation, and Licensing (PEL):

The first phase of the transfer for PEL will encompass the review function; therefore, submission review will be suspended July 2-22.

IV. ACTION

To facilitate activities related to pending submission review, PEL requests that manufacturers send priority lists to their assigned Reviewer as soon as possible. Limiting licensing submissions from July 2-13 will also be beneficial. Please note that submissions received July 2-13 will be logged into PEL's review system on July 14, barring technical difficulties.

For responses to urgent issues or specialized needs during the transition please contact your assigned Reviewer or Specialist prior to July 10. To minimize the impact on the biologics industry, Center staff has developed detailed transition and move plans. We appreciate your understanding and patience during the moving phases.

V. CONTACT INFORMATION

Effective July 14, 2009, the CVB contact information will be as follows:

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USDA, APHIS, VS

Courier Services (e.g. FedEx, UPS, DHL):
1920 Dayton Avenue
Ames, IA 50010

US Postal Services:
PO Box 844
Ames, IA 50010

CVB Main Phone Number:
(515) 337-6100

The fax number and employee phone extensions are not yet available and will be communicated at a later date.