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Subject: Biosecurity Level Three Laboratory Inspection Fee

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Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

To: Directors, VS Regions
Area Veterinarians in Charge, VS

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The purpose of this memorandum is to notify personnel of a change in the user fee rate for the inspection for approval of biosecurity level three laboratories, in accordance with regulations which were published in the Federal Register on December 23, 1999, to become effective January 3, 2000.

Existing user fees require biosecurity level three laboratories to pay user fees based on hourly rates for inspections and approval. The hourly rate has been replaced for this specific service with a flat rate annual user fee that will cover the cost of approval and all required inspections of the facility for that year. This action was taken in order to ensure that the user fees cover the average cost of inspection and to allow laboratories to better predict the costs of inspections and approvals.

The flat rate annual user fee will be \$977.00 per laboratory, which includes travel cost (including airfare and lodging, when appropriate), per diem, and miscellaneous travel expenses. In addition, the service code and activity description has been changed to "**Service Code -488, Biosecurity Level Three Laboratory Inspection**". The Minneapolis APHIS Business Services office has updated the National User Fee database December 29, 1999, to reflect the new service code and rate change.

If you have any questions, please call Inez Hockaday on (301) 734-7517.

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