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Dear Ms. Arnold:

Enclosed please find the 2008 Annual Report for the Massachusetts I&M Program, addressing the requirements of 40 CFR 51.366(a)-(d). Due to the transition to a new program that started operation on October 1, 2008 (and in accordance with our agreement with your office, memorialized in EPA's comments on Massachusetts' 2006-07 Biennial Report), this report contains two parts:

- Part 1 describes the implementation of the Massachusetts I&M Program from January 1 through September 30, 2008, under the program structure established in 1999; and
- Part 2 describes the implementation of the Massachusetts I&M Program from October 1 through December 31, 2008, under the program structure established by a contract executed in January 2008.

Both reports document successful implementation of the Massachusetts' IM program, and a smooth transition to the new program design under the direction of a new contractor. We continue to ensure that the IM program functions well and meets our State Implementation Plan (SIP) commitments.

In your July 15, 2009 letter to Nancy Seidman about Massachusetts' 2007 Annual Report, you noted two questions. The first asked for a detailed description of a covert audit in which a vehicle falsely passed an OBD test (page 32, table 14). We will provide more information about this audit under separate cover by September 30, 2009.

The second question concerned a confusing description of sticker accounting (page 36, Section 5.2.8). This paragraph contained a typographical error: the “220” figure reflected data from the previous year and should have been deleted. In the version of the 2007 Report that is posted on the program’s web site, this paragraph has been revised as follows:

“Stations were issued 4,956,566 stickers in 2007. A total of 52 stickers were “unaccounted for” by the contractor. Those “unaccounted for” stickers include stickers that were damaged, misprinted, or were otherwise defective, as well as damaged stickers that were picked up by the RMV on site visits. In addition to the unaccounted for stickers, the stations noted in the database that another 76 stickers were stolen. Of these, 71 were reported by one station and were later determined to have been listed as “stolen” in error. An additional five shipments of stickers, totaling 3,300 stickers, were lost when shipped. Police reports were filed for these five shipments.”

You can find the revised report on the program’s web site at:
http://massvehiclecheck.state.ma.us/about_publications.html. Additional copies of the 2008 Annual Report may be downloaded from this site as well.

To save paper and to allow EPA to review and sort the detailed test data contained in the report’s attachments, the enclosed submittal includes a CD containing the files for Attachments B (Detailed 2007 Emission Test Data) and C (2007 Test Data by Station).

Please let us know if you have any comments or questions on the attached reports. We look forward to continuing to work with you on the Commonwealth’s I&M Program.

Sincerely,



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