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The Honorable Eddie Tallon, Chairman
House Legislative Oversight Executive Subcommittee
418 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Hearing of October 4, 2017 Regarding Random Drug Testing for the Department of Natural Resources

Thank you and the other members of the Subcommittee for the opportunity to tell you more about the Department of Natural Resources. After the hearing, I realized I was incorrect regarding my testimony pertaining to random drug testing. I respectfully request that you accept this letter as a correction to my testimony.

At the time I testified, I believed that the Department had resumed random drug testing. I was incorrect. The Department was prepared to conduct a random test March 2017 and actually had a list of 25 names (approximately 10% of the eligible pool). The previous state vendor notified the Department that they lost the contract, but could still provide contractual services should the Department elect to establish a separate contract. The DNR procurement section advised my office to use the new vendor who had been awarded the State contract. Establishment of the purchase order has been created, a meeting with the new vendor has been conducted and random testing is planned to be completed before December 2017. Thirty-two (32) eligible employees for random testing have been selected along with six (6) alternates. This represents 10% of the random drug testing eligible employees.

As for the years prior to 2017, the previous random drug test was conducted in 2013. After talking in more detail with the staff member in charge of the testing this morning, she informed me that whenever she began to prepare the testing something else occurring in the HR Office seemed to take priority.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. I sincerely apologize for my incorrect statement and any possible misrepresentation regarding random drug testing.

Sincerely,

Terri McGee
Human Resources Director

cc: Director Alvin Taylor