



SOUTH DAKOTA
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OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Subject: Metrology Lab Update

Dear Valued Customer,

Earlier this year we began construction of a new Metrology Lab in Sturgis. Next month we are anticipating construction being complete and the time for our move will be approaching. I wanted to inform you that once we have made the move to our new lab, we will be unable to provide services to you until the lab has been recognized by the Nation Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Our tentative moving timeframe will be in February. Once we are in the lab, it may take 6-8 months before we receive our recognition from NIST and until such time we will be unable to provide our normal service to you. The reason why we are informing you of this now is to provide you with the opportunity to schedule any calibrations prior to our shut down. We understand the burden this may place on you, but rest assured the move will allow us to provide greater services to our customers in our new lab.

Additionally, we are looking into the possibility of expanding our services and the viability of our lab obtaining Echelon II status. In an effort to determine what other needs our clientele may have, we'd like to hear from you. Your input will help us decide what other services may be beneficial for us to provide to our clients. If you have any thoughts or comments please email them to DPSWM@state.sd.us

We will be sure to let you know when we have received recognition and look forward to showing you the new lab.

If you have any questions or wish to schedule an appointment, please contact our State Metrologist Ron Peterson at 605-773-3170 or myself at 605-773-3697.

Sincerely

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