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TO: Owners of Large Volume Provers

FROM: Joe E. Gomez, Division Director 

SUBJECT: Height Restrictions for Calibrating Provers

In 2014 the National Institute of Standards and Technologies (NIST) removed large volume provers from our scope of recognition to performing calibrations outdoors. To address the situation, New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) has acquired an indoor facility that will accommodate volume calibrations on the New Mexico State University campus, which will allow us to perform calibrations in a climate-controlled environment. We are currently running calibrations required by NIST in order to regain our recognition.

Due to the building configuration, there is a height restriction for testing and can only accommodate provers no taller than 7 feet 6 inches (measuring ground to prover neck height). If it is determined that your prover exceeds this limit and you want NMDA to assist in removing your prover from its current trailer to a lower leveling platform, NMDA will provide a forklift service to accommodate your need. In order to utilize the service, it will be the company's responsibility to provide the labor to disconnect and reconnect your prover(s). If you are going to make modifications to meet the height restrictions on your own, keep in mind we must be able to level the prover prior to calibration.

In order for NMDA to assist in moving your prover from its current trailer, the owner will be required to sign a waiver and release of liability form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Clay Ivey at (575) 646-1616.

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