MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Committee on Biosafety Cabinetry

FROM: Robert W. Powitz, Chairperson of the Joint Committee

DATE: April 11, 2008

SUBJECT: Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 49 (49i14r1)

Enclosed is the ballot for Draft 1 of NSF/ANSI 49 issue 14, revision 1. Please review the proposal and return your ballot by the ballot due date of May 2, 2008 via the e-balloting system.

Purpose
To add in the standard a listing process for concurrent balance value test.

Background
One new item introduced in the 2002 standard revision has not been communicated by the manufacturers to the certifiers, balancers, and end-users at an adequate level to create the value assumed from the change.

1. Concurrent Balance Value
   a. This test is now a requirement for all B cabinets (A.10.3.3) but there is no consistent listing process or location so very few people even know the information is available. Most air balancers are still balancing to the nominal set point.

This change was proposed to the JC at the 2007 meeting and was motioned to ballot.

Public Health Impact
None of the above issues have a public health impact.

If you have any questions about the technical content of the ballot, you may contact me in care of:

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