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Dear Mr. Niemeyer:

Thank you for your letter concerning Dr. Leidel's memorandum. In response, I am enclosing a report of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reviewed the issues raised by Dr. Leidel and found no basis for them, but nevertheless sought an independent investigation by the OIG. As you will see in their report, the OIG found no evidence to support any of Dr. Leidel's allegations. In addition, it recommended that CDC obtain a separate, independent review of technical issues that OIG deemed too specialized for its investigation. This additional review will be conducted by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS. We would be happy to provide its report once it is available. In combination with the OIG report, it will complete an independent assessment of all the issues raised by Dr. Leidel. We fully expect this final assessment will also reflect favorably on the respirator certification program.

Sincerely yours,

Bryan D. Hardin, Ph.D.  
Acting Deputy Director

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