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RE: American West Analytical Laboratories Policies

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To whom it may concern:

I am responding to a news article recently published about "Potassium Ferrocyanide" in salt samples supposedly analyzed by American West Analytical Laboratories (AWAL). Since I am not privy to the source of this document, I cannot confirm that AWAL performed any analyses described in this document nor would I comment without our primary client's written approval.

I can confirm the following items that AWAL does not participate as a policy or capabilities:

- AWAL does not report opinions concerning analytical data.
- AWAL does not analyze or report potassium ferrocyanide.
- AWAL does not communicate any information to third parties (e.g., news agencies) concerning work performed at our laboratory without written permission from our primary client.

Any comments by a news article whether positive or negative concerning a product did not originate at this laboratory. We condemn any party insinuating that this laboratory ever provides any other information than non-subjective analytical data.

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