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Presented Electronically

Ms. Lona Hankins  
Chief Executive Officer  
New Orleans Regional Transit Authority  
2817 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119

RE: FTA Drug and Alcohol Compliance Auditing Program

Dear Ms. Hankins,

The Federal Transit Administration has reviewed the responses of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to the formally-submitted findings of the Drug and Alcohol Compliance Audit Team. Provided that all policies and procedures implemented in response to the audit are fully adopted, the Federal Transit Administration finds RTA to currently be in compliance with the federally-mandated Drug and Alcohol Testing Program.

It is important for you and your organization to diligently maintain all aspects of the drug and alcohol testing program so all will remain in compliance in the future.

Thank you for your cooperation and for being prompt in your response. Please let me know at any time if I can be of further service to you.

Sincerely,

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