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INITIAL AND CONTINUING CALIBRATION REQUIREMENTS IN METHOD 8240

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Dear Mr. Ricardi:

I am writing in response to your inquiry of August 30, 1993, regarding initial and continuing calibration requirements in Method 8240. The Office of Solid Waste considers the language in Section 7.3.4,

"If no source of the problem can be determined after corrective action has been taken, a new five point calibration MUST be generated. This criterion MUST be met before quantitative sample analysis begins."

to be clear and unambiguous. If you are out of calibration for your Calibration Check Compounds, you must generate a new five point calibration curve before you analyze any samples. This does not mean using an archived curve from last month or five years ago. It means generating a new five-point curve immediately prior to running any samples.

However, you only have to meet the calibration requirements for the actual target compounds which you must determine for your particular application.

If you have any further questions, please call me at 202-260-7459.

Sincerely,
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