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Dear Valued Supplier,

Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) has recognized an issue in the NDT supply base concerning understanding of the requirements of Level III NDT certifications to SNT-TC-1A-2016 as required by T9074-AS-GIB-010/271. SNT-TC-1A-2016 section 8.1.4 states, "For NDT Level III personnel the composite grade should be determined by simple averaging for the results of the **basic, method, and specific examinations** as described below." Please note that the practical examination is **NOT** included in this average. Additionally, section 8.1.5 states, "Examinations administered by the employer for qualification should result in a passing composite grade of at least 80 percent with no individual examination having a passing grade less than 70 percent." The composite score is the average of the basic, method, and specific examinations.

NNS has recently discovered Suppliers and NDT test houses that have included the practical examination in their calculations, which in-turn has inflated the composite average; therefore, certified a Level III examiner who did not meet the examination requirements of T9074-AS-GIB-010/271.

NNS is requesting that all suppliers review their Level III certification practices and also request any applicable NDT houses, they use, to do the same to ensure compliance to the requirements stated above. This review to include any NDT test house used by the Supplier in support of an NNS procurement. If any Level III certifications are found to be non-compliant, NNS requests a Letter of Advisement be sent immediately to NNS, Electric Boat, Navy Customers, and/or any known prime contractors you support who may supply Naval Material, along with a bounding of the issue, the root cause, corrective and preventive action taken.

Please note that this alert should not be used as a basis for any price, delay in delivery, or any other modification of NNS purchase order requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns with regards to this Alert, please contact Marian Morrow, NNS Supplier Quality, email Marian.M.Morrow@hii-nns.com or phone (757) 688-0208.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R L Simpson', written over a horizontal line.

R. L. Simpson
Manager, NNS Supplier Quality

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