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Dear Ms. Poore,

Thank you for your request for variance from standard 5.1.6.3.1 #1 in the forthcoming *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, 25th edition. The Blood Banks and Transfusion Services Standards Program Unit (BB/TS SPU) recently met by conference call to discuss your request.

After reviewing your supporting documentation, the BB/TS SPU was able to grant your request for variance from standard 5.1.6.3.1 #1. Per the documentation submitted, your expected “go live” date is September 1, 2008. As such, the BB/TS SPU expects that you will be in full compliance with standard 5.1.6.3.1 #1 by **November 1, 2008**. If you do not meet this deadline, you will need to re-apply for a variance. This variance approval expires **November 1, 2008**.

Thank you again for your request, and do not hesitate to contact the Standards Development Department of the AABB if you need additional assistance or if you have other questions. They can be reached by email (standards@aabb.org) or by phone (+1.301.215.6493.)

Sincerely,

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