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Scheme: MINERALS	Round: 201754
Month: DECEMBER 2017	Matrix: DOG FOOD

Dear AAFCO PT Program Participants,

Thank you for your continued participation in the AAFCO Proficiency Testing Program. The final reports have been reviewed and authorized for release. The included reports are:

Analyte Proficiency Testing Report
Individual Participant's Methods & Analytes Report Cards

The reports shall not be reproduced except in full, without written approval of the AAFCO PT Program. The data and results reported in this document are the property of the participating laboratories and are confidential.

This PT Round was prepared, shipped, reported by participants, evaluated by statistical treatment for assigned consensus mean, robust standard deviation, and % Threshold RSD, graded (z-scores) and final reports issued. Any concerns or errors should immediately be communicated to pt@aafco.org. A timely investigation will occur in accordance with the AAFCO PTP Quality Management System. You will be advised of the outcome. Errors made by the participant in data entry cannot be changed after the reporting deadline and such errors are not grounds for appeal.

Reminders:

- 1.) Please be sure to report analytes in the units noted in the Data Reporting Website (DRW). Results reported in units other than those designated in the DRW are often flagged as outliers and not included in the statistical evaluation. Results reported in the incorrect units may result in performance scores that exceed ± 3 SD.
- 2.) Test Results for each round are due no later than the 15th of each month at Midnight US Central Time. Results cannot be added or edited once the deadline passes per AAFCO PT Program Policy.

Sincerely,

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