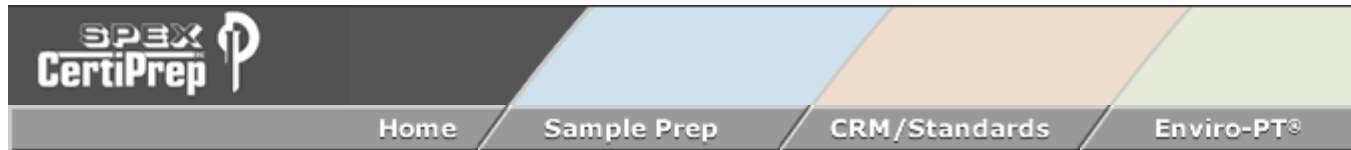


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Dear Valued Customer,

For the foreseeable future, SPEX CertiPrep has decided to offer fewer proficiency testing studies than we continue our PT program and accreditations, and with our same attention to quality, customer service, and frequency of studies will be curtailed.

Effective September 19, 2005, we will no longer be offering Inorganic and Organic Proficiency Testing and Water Supply. We will continue to offer Microbiological Proficiency Testing samples on a quarterly basis during that scheduled study. Also, we will continue to manufacture Quality Control Samples for all WP, and will give you the opportunity to use a separate supplier for your QC and PT samples.

For the past year, SPEX CertiPrep has been working with Analytical Products Group (APG). If you would like future Proficiency Testing samples, they will be more than willing to work with you and they will offer you all PT Samples through January 2006. For more information about their company, you can visit their website or call them at 800-272-4442.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the decisions that we have made, please contact us at 800-272-4442.

Best regards,

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