



IMPROVING QUALITY WITH SCIENCE

Food Technology Service, Inc. an ISO 13485:2003 Certified Company

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Dear Customer,

Food Technology Service, Inc. (FTSI) has an ultimate goal to provide the highest quality service to all of our customers. One way FTSI is attempting to reach this goal is by using the most technologically advanced dosimetry system. FTSI is currently testing and will soon be implementing the next generation of dosimetry systems for the field of gamma sterilization. This dosimetry system is known as an E-scan system, which uses alanine to measure the gamma exposure a product receives. Like the Harwell PMMA dosimetry system we are now using, the E-scan system has excellent accuracy. However, the E-scan system utilizes standards that are directly traceable to NIST and the dosimeters for this new system do not require a 1 to 2 hour development time after irradiation like the Harwell PMMA dosimeters. Even though FTSI is switching to the alanine dosimetry system, we will still maintain the Harwell PMMA system as a backup. For more information about our new system, please feel free to contact Susan LeFrancois at FTSI or visit the Bruker-Biospin website at: <http://www.bruker-biospin.com/brukerepr/dosimetry.html>.

Additionally, FTSI will be performing standard maintenance to make sure the service we provide to your company remains consistent. Production will be closed starting at 6 pm on Wednesday, November 23rd and will resume at 6 am on Sunday November 27th.

If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact our facility.

Best Regards,

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