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Dear Ms. Terodemos:

Following review of the interim report for the Bergen Community College veterinary technology program, the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) continued the program on full accreditation.

The next annual report will be due fall 2014 (September 12, 2014) and the next accreditation site visit is scheduled for 2018. The Committee has determined that continued reporting is required on the following recommendations (see attached chart(s)):

Critical recommendation(s): None

Major recommendation(s): 2, 3

If you have any questions, or if we may be of assistance in the preparation of your next report, please do not hesitate to contact us or Ms. Julie Horvath ([jhorvath@avma.org](mailto:jhorvath@avma.org); ext. 6624).

Sincerely,

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<b>Bergen Community College ROE 2013</b>		(Office use only)
<p><b>CRITICAL RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>  Critical recommendations apply to situations that clearly result in a program's inability to meet a Standard, and/or subject students, faculty, or others to unacceptable levels of risk. Documentation of significant progress toward compliance with each critical recommendation must be achieved by the time of the program's next report to CVTEA. Lack of compliance may be considered cause for reduction of the program's accreditation status.</p> <p>It is critical that:</p>		Continued Reporting required on the Recommendation: yes/no; Date; (comments)
1.	Program facilities emulate contemporary veterinary facilities by removing extraneous material from surgery. (4b)	No; 11/2013; Post site visit response
2.	An Ambu bag and common emergency drug dosages be added to the emergency "crash cart". (4b)	No; 11/2013; Post site visit response
3.	The Program be compliant with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and other potential safety considerations be addressed with respect to routine servicing of the oxygen valve in the storage room. (4e)	No; 05/2014; Interim
4.	Materials used for demonstration purposes, including those that are outdated, be appropriately identified and stored. (4f)	No; 11/2013; Post site visit response

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<p><b>MAJOR RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>  Major recommendations apply to situations that jeopardize the ability of the program to meet a Standard. Progress toward meeting each major recommendation must be demonstrated on an annual or biennial basis. Documentation of steps taken toward compliance with major recommendations is required. Lack of compliance within the assigned five- or six-year period, prior to the next scheduled complete evaluation, may be considered cause for reduction of the program's accreditation status.</p> <p>It is recommended that:</p>		Continued Reporting required on the Recommendation: yes/no; Date; (comments)
1.	The Program have increased space available for storage. (4h)	No; 11/2013; Post site visit response
2.	The program director be a credentialed veterinary technician who is a graduate of an AVMA-accredited program by June 30, 2015. (9c)	Yes
3.	Efforts be made to provide increased time to the Program director for administrative responsibilities and professional development. (9d)	Yes