Guidance on TPV Inspection Checklist

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The following guidance shall be used by the CCE when performing TPV evaluations. This guidance is effective immediately upon receipt and shall be used until revoked or included in an up-date of the TPV Manual.

The TPV Manual, Revision Date Oct. 2003, states;

C2.3.1 The Verification Checklist Pages (See Appendix 3, Exhibit 1) are designed to be generic. The numbering sequence on the checklist is not intended to match the number sequence in the 3-A Sanitary Standards used as the basis of the verification. A number of 3-A Sanitary Standards include specialized criteria sections, which may not be included in the generic format. In those cases, use the blank page to identify the additional specialized criteria sections covered by the verification (See page 75, lines 102 to 131). The CCE should not attempt to include the specialized criteria in the generic format sections.

The recent review and audit of completed TPV reports submitted indicate that only the generic report pages have been used. As stated in the manual, the generic pages will not provide coverage for all 3-A Standards.

The Standard and its criteria must be the basis of the review when conducting a TPV evaluation, NOT the TPV Report forms. You are responsible for assuring that all of the criteria in the Standard have been evaluated or check as Not Applicable. This may, in many cases, require you to include criteria that are not on the generic forms on the blank pages.