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Dear NPCA Certified Plant,

In order to continually improve NPCA's Plant Certification Program the Quality Assurance (QA) Committee routinely reviews the Quality Control Manual. As part of this process the QA Committee has created a Standardized Grading Schedule, to be used by our independent auditing firms and will help to ensure consistency in grading throughout the entire Plant Certification Program.

Currently, the Standardized Grading Schedule is limited to Critical Sections of the Quality Control Manual; this includes sub-sections of Sections 5.3 (Concrete Testing), 6.2 (Stormwater Concrete Pipe Requirements), 6.3 (Round Manhole Component Requirements), 6.4 (Box Culvert Requirements) and 6.5 (Septic Tank Requirements). The QA Committee will continue to expand the Standardized Grading Schedule to include all Sections of the Quality Control Manual in the near future.

The Standardized Grading Schedule will be used for all announced and unannounced inspections in 2007, and has been enclosed for your convenience. A copy of the current Quality Control Manual, including the Grading Schedule is also available online at [www.precast.org](http://www.precast.org). I invite you to visit the web site for additional information about the certification program and to download a free copy of the QC Manual.

If you have any questions about this update to the grading schedule or the certification program please contact me at (800) 366-7731 or via email at [mharrell@precast.org](mailto:mharrell@precast.org). We appreciate your continued support of NPCA's Plant Certification program and your commitment to quality.

Sincerely,

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