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**Kiee J. Garland Certified NRCM Registrant**

**WASHINGTON, DC—July 23, 2013**—Kiee J. Garland, Director of Microbiology and Quality Assurance, B&V Testing, Inc., Waltham, MA, is now a Registrant of the National Registry of Certified Microbiologists (NRCM). On July 12, 2013, she became certified as a Registered Microbiologist in Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Microbiology. Mrs. Garland received her B.S. degree from University of Massachusetts, Boston, Boston, MA. To earn the NRCM credential, Mrs. Garland first met rigorous educational and experiential eligibility requirements and then passed a comprehensive written examination. She has demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary in a pharmaceutical and medical device microbiology testing laboratory.

The NRCM is a voluntary certifying body which was founded in 1958 and has certified microbiologists in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico and on six continents. The goals of the NRCM are to minimize risk to the public by identifying qualified microbiologists; encourage mastery of microbiological knowledge and skills that contribute to improving the human condition; and foster professional pride and a sense of accomplishment in qualified microbiologists. Employers use NRCM certification to distinguish their company and attest to their employees' competency.

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