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To: Horsemen, Ohio HBPA, OHHA, Standardbred Judges, Thoroughbred Stewards, Racetrack General Managers, and State Veterinarians

From: William Crawford, Executive Director

Subject: Post Race Carbon Dioxide (TCO₂) Testing

Effective January 1, 2014, the standard operating procedure for carbon dioxide (TCO₂) testing will change. The blood sample will be taken post race. The winning horse and a horse that has a special by the judges or stewards must remain in the testing barn one and one-half hours after the race. A representative must be with the horse at all times. The horse will be released only by the state veterinarian after the specified time period.

The recommended penalties for a positive are listed below:

1st Offense - Minimum 15-day suspension, \$500.00 fine and loss of purse;

2nd Offense - Minimum 30-day suspension, \$1,000.00 fine and loss of purse; and

3rd Offense - Minimum 90-day suspension, 1,000.00 fine, loss of purse and referred to the commission

- These offenses are within a 365-day period in any jurisdiction.