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Dear Inspector,

The samples in this hand carried container of science samples originates from a United States federally-funded research program in Antarctica (U.S. National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs, Grant OPP-1745009, Science Event # B-005-N/P), and will be used for scientific research only.

All of these samples are dead. They pose no biological or environmental threat. Although of scientific interest, these samples have no commercial value.

Source of sample: Invertebrates collected in net tows.

Type & Origin: This letter certifies all materials were collected while participating in a field season at Palmer Station between 03 January and 17 March, 2020. All materials are non-infectious, non-bioactive and non-toxic. In total there are 2EA plastic bags, 81EA 2-mL cryovials, 7EA 15-mL Falcon tubes, and 6EA 50-mL Falcon tubes of frozen invertebrate plankton samples. The invertebrate plankton species in samples include *Euphausia superba* (Antarctic krill) and *Salpa thompsoni* (Salps).

By-Products: These samples do not contain any equine, ruminant, swine, or avian species or their materials. The samples were collected only for academic research purposes and will only be used at the marine laboratory of Oregon State University.

Final Disposition: After analysis sample packages and residual materials will be autoclaved and disposed of according to Oregon State University's Environment, Health, & Safety Office protocols.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

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