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Texas Department of Insurance
ATTN: Sergeant Matt Warren
State Fire Marshal's Office
P.O. Box 12107
Austin, Texas 78711-2107

Re: Inspection Number 13850

Dear Sergeant Warren,

We have received and reviewed the reports numbered 13850 and 13883 for the inspections conducted at West Texas A&M University on January 14, 2025. We agree with the 172 findings listed in the report and have begun taking steps to correct the listed violations.

We have identified 49 of 149 violations at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum as housekeeping concerns currently being addressed by museum staff. We have also identified 4 of 23 violations at the Old Sub building as housekeeping concerns currently being addressed by university staff. These housekeeping items will address the excessive storage of combustible materials, misuse of extension cords and relocatable power taps, doors that were found to be propped open, and similar items listed in the report.

We have hired a third-party engineering firm to analyze the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum to help determine our next steps in addressing the non-housekeeping concerns observed during your inspection and aid in our understanding of the costs and timelines associated with correcting all remaining violations. The engineering firm is scheduled to be on-site the week of February 10, 2025, to survey the building and review the violations observed during your inspection.

The Old Sub building is scheduled to be vacated by early 2026. Plans are currently in place to relocate all occupants and close the building. The overall plan is to demolish the building once funding has been secured.

We will keep you up to date on our progress as violations are addressed.

Sincerely,

Walter V. Wendler
President