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Mr. George Clark
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Dear Mr. Clark:

SUBJECT: NEW YORK STATE (NYS) SALES TAX ON PARKING FEES AT NYS FACILITIES

Reference: Letter from G. Clark, BSA to E. Landini, SC-BHSO, Subject: Request to make all NYS Sales Tax on parking Fees at NYS facilities Allowable, dated April 14, 2016

The referenced request provided information related to sales tax on NYS parking facility fees as well as how other Department of Energy (DOE) Labs deal with these costs in their respective states. Your correspondence with other Labs indicated that sales taxes on parking fees were considered allowable under their DOE contracts.

Although Brookhaven Science Associates (BSA) has obtained tax exempt status for NYS sales taxes, NYS public parking facilities do not currently have a methodology to segregate the associated taxes from the parking bills. You advised that subsequent discussions with parking garage management indicated that they would **not** accept NYS sales tax exemption forms. Furthermore you stated that the amount of effort required to review receipts and try to segregate the associated taxes is neither prudent nor cost effective. As a result, you consider the charges unavoidable and have requested that they be allowed under the DOE contract.

This is to advise you that your request is hereby granted. That is, the associated taxes on parking receipts submitted by employees for approved business travel can be considered for reimbursement provided that they are deemed reasonable, allocable and not otherwise unallowable.

The Brookhaven Site Office will require an annual review from BSA to determine if NYS public parking facilities have improved their methodology to segregate parking taxes or made changes to exclude parking taxes in the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at extension 7812.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn Landini".

Evelyn Landini, Director
Business Management Division
Contracting Officer

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