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**To:** Category II Accredited Vets in Washington, Oregon and Alaska

**Re:** Tuberculin Ordering Procedure for Caudal Fold TB Testing

1. Veterinarians must have active Category II accreditation in the state/s they wish to perform TB testing to order tuberculin (*Mycobacterium bovis* purified protein derivative or PPD) and perform caudal fold testing.  
Accreditation status can be checked here: [USDA APHIS | For Veterinarians](#).
2. Veterinarians outside of WA, OR, or AK should check with their:
  - USDA Veterinary Services Office: [USDA APHIS | District Offices](#) or
  - State Animal Health Authority: [State Animal Health Officials \(usaha.org\)](#)
3. Veterinarians should not give or loan tuberculin to other veterinarians unless specifically directed to do so by the State Veterinarian or AVIC. Questions regarding TB testing, reporting responders, or expected responder rates can also be directed to the State Veterinarian or AVIC for your state (links to contacts listed above in #2).
4. The basic instructions for ordering tuberculin from NVSL can be found at: [USDA APHIS | Ordering Reagents and Proficiency Tests From the NVSL](#)
5. The order form can be found at: [USDA APHIS | Form 4-9](#)
6. The reagent catalog can be found at: [USDA APHIS | NVSL Reagent Tests](#)  
*A screen shot of the reagent catalog has been placed below, for your convenience (page 34).*
7. Then submit your completed NVSL order form in one of three ways:
  - **Email:** [NVSL\\_concerns@usda.gov](mailto:NVSL_concerns@usda.gov)
  - **Fax:** (515) 337-7402
  - **Mail:** National Veterinary Services Lab – User Fees  
P.O. Box 844  
Ames, Iowa 50010
  - *Orders will NOT be accepted by telephone.*

**Mycobacterium bovis PPD in 1ml (131-B1), 5ml (131-B5) or 10ml (131-B10)**

Reagent Name	Reagent Code	Amount/Vial	Tests/Vial	Reagent Description
Mycobacterium antigen - mycobacterium bovis purified protein derivative (PPD) (caudal fold test)	131-B10	10.0 ml	75-80	Use this product for Bovine caudal fold test and Cervid single cervical test. One mg/ml protein tuberculin is used to test bovine and other species of animals for sensitivity to <i>Mycobacterium bovis</i> tuberculo protein. Replaces reagent code 131-B.
Mycobacterium antigen - mycobacterium bovis purified protein derivative (PPD) (caudal fold test)	131-B1	1.0 ml	5-6	For caudal fold test. One mg/ml protein tuberculin is used to test bovine and other species of animals for sensitivity to <i>Mycobacterium bovis</i> tuberculo protein.
Mycobacterium antigen - mycobacterium bovis purified protein derivative (PPD) (caudal fold test)	131-B5	5.0 ml	35-50	For caudal fold test. One mg/ml protein tuberculin is used to test bovine and other species of animals for sensitivity to <i>Mycobacterium bovis</i> tuberculo protein