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Dear Facility Director:

I am writing to request your participation in the 2011 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS). This annual survey, sponsored by the Federal government's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and conducted by Mathematical Policy Research, collects data from all known substance abuse treatment facilities in the United States and its jurisdictions.

Your participation in N-SSATS is important. The information you provide will add significantly to the knowledge that SAMHSA and other Federal agencies have about the types of treatment and services available in the U.S. as well as the number of persons in treatment. This knowledge will help SAMHSA assess the scope of services currently provided and identify ways in which SAMHSA might address unmet facility and client needs. Facilities that complete the 2011 N-SSATS and are approved by their state can choose to be listed in SAMHSA's next publication of the *National Directory of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment Programs* and the online Treatment Facility Locator (<http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>).

The survey is designed for easy and efficient completion on the Internet. If you completed the 2010 N-SSATS, you will find that your responses to questions that typically do not change from year to year have already been pre-filled in the 2011 online questionnaire. To complete the questionnaire online, simply follow the instructions on the pink flyer enclosed with this packet. The flyer provides the Internet address to access the questionnaire as well as your facility's unique user ID and password. A paper copy of the survey can be requested by contacting the N-SSATS Helpline if you are unable to complete the survey online.

The survey should be completed by you or another person knowledgeable about this facility's daily operations. If you have any questions about the survey, please call the helpline at **1-888-324-8337** or send an email to nssatsweb@mathematica-mpr.com.

Thank you for participating in this important survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peter J. Delany".

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Enclosures

NOTE: The N-SSATS questionnaire is designed to collect information about a single facility at a single location, that is, the facility whose name and address is printed on the enclosed pink flyer. If your organization offers treatment services at more than one location, please complete a separate questionnaire for each location.