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Dear Recent AMLR Collaborators,

You are receiving this letter because you have participated in a U.S. AMLR survey or field season, since 1999. Please note that the U.S. AMLR Program has found important data issues with several data sets collected starting with the 99/00 field season. As a collaborator you may have been provided data at the end of the cruise or had access to data collected during this period. Note that these data contain substantial quality control issues, and we are in the process of correcting and calibrating data as necessary.

As a reminder, although U.S. AMLR data is available under general use provisions for federally obtained data, use of data obtained without the direct consent of the U.S. AMLR Program and for the purposes other than those requested by the user (e.g. for use in proposals, modeling, and other non-direct uses) will be considered a breach of good faith. Data obtained through secondary sources (e.g given to you by Contractors or other data collectors) is unauthorized. Where the U.S. AMLR Program finds that data have been used inconsistent with the terms outlined in any Letter of Support, or used without any Letter of Support on record, the appropriate Granting Agency or Journal Editor will be informed.

Please contact Dr. Christian Reiss (Team lead, Oceanography; Christian.reiss@noaa.gov) and Stephanie Sexton (U.S. AMLR Data Manager; Stephanie.sexton@noaa.gov) to determine whether data you have in your possession was determined to be impacted by the QA/QC issues we have found. To this end, if you are using AMLR datasets we encourage you to provide the metadata to us so that we can ascertain whether these data integrity issues impact your research.

Sincerely,

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