

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory
Change in Instrument Status Form

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Instrument #: 100348

Instrument Location: Metlakatla Police Department

Supervisor Name and Agency: Kaija Swisher - SCDL

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

Trouble shooting with Officer Justin Janes - instrument had the following issues:

- Diagnostic failure, "breath tube was too hot."
- Showing standard out of range message

If instrument was placed in service or removed from service, fill out the appropriate sections below.

In Service Date/Time: NA

Out of Service Date/Time: NA

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Additional Notes

Please see the attached email. KS 04/01/2024.

Email completed form to dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov.

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Approved by: Chemistry Supervisor

Swisher, Kaija L (DPS)

From: Justin Janes <JJanes@metlakatla.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2024 4:37 PM
To: Swisher, Kaija L (DPS)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: Supplies needed

Hello, so I ran another VOC and it passed this time. We put an air filter device in the room that has the instrument in it, and it seems to have cut out any possible outside chemicals or other contaminants from messing with it. All five external standard tests read as .075.

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From: Swisher, Kaija L (DPS) <kaija.swisher@alaska.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2024 6:52:25 AM
To: Justin Janes <JJanes@metlakatla.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: Supplies needed

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Hey Ofc Janes,

After reviewing the instrument records and your message, I have a few recommendations.

1. Check the breath tube connection. Looking at the values on the instrumental data, it looks like the breath tube value is lower than it should be. This could be due to the breath tube being partially disconnected from the instrument or from environmental factors (room may be too cold).
2. Run a VOC one more time. The environmental factor could be the issue for the standard out of range error and since the gas tank looks to be almost full it would be most beneficial to try one more time after step 1.
3. If problems persist let me know and we can do some more research.

Thank you!

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From: Justin Janes <JJanes@metlakatla.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 1:06 AM
To: Walton, Derek J (DPS) <derek.walton@alaska.gov>
Subject: Supplies needed

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Hello, this is Officer Jane's with the Metlakatla Police Department. I am emailing to request another gas canister for our Datamaster as it is out of the standard range. I tested it several times Including a VOC when I removed it and placed it back in. We also had a diagnostic failure the other night where the Chief told me that it read that the breath tube was too hot. That error did not occur for me when I tested it the next day but that was when I ran into to issue with the external standard. Thanks,

Officer Justin Janes.

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