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State of Alaska DNA Analysis Quality Assurance

Disposition of DNA Extract Work Product

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During the course of DNA analysis, the laboratory generates a DNA extract for each sample processed. Chapter 7 of the currently in effect DNA quality assurance manual (DNAQAM2012R1) addresses the processing of samples, including setting forth criteria for defining the difference between evidence and work product extracts, retention of evidence extracts, and disposition of work product extracts.

Prior to approximately 2008, the laboratory was retaining all extracts, both evidentiary and work product. That practice resulted in the lab currently being in possession of work product extracts beyond those to be retained in accord with the criteria set forth in the currently in effect DNA quality assurance manual.

At this time, the laboratory is in the process of identifying work product extracts that are not to be retained in accord with the criteria set forth in the currently in effect DNA quality assurance manual.

Beginning March 15, 2013, the laboratory will be discarding work product extracts that currently are in its possession beyond those that are to be retained in accord with the criteria set forth in the currently in effect DNA quality assurance manual.

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Michelle L. Collins
Acting DNA Section Technical Manager

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Orin Dym
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