

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory  
Change in Instrument Status Form

Version: 6.0

Effective: 1/17/2024

Date: 6/27/2025

Instrument #: 100673

Instrument Location: Seward PD

Supervisor Name and Agency: Derek Walton – SCDL working with Eddie Armstrong – Seward PD

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

During In Field Instrument Review, I noted a series of tests on 100673 where a suspect was tested multiple times despite repeated status messages. I emailed Ofc. Armstrong to recommend that only 2 tests be performed on a subject prior to pursuing a legal blood draw. The email is partially redacted in this record because it contained the suspect name.

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**

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Approved by: Chemistry Supervisor

## Walton, Derek J (DPS)

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**From:** Walton, Derek J (DPS)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 27, 2025 12:20 PM  
**To:** Eddie Armstrong (DPS Sponsored)  
**Subject:** Multiple breath tests on one person

Hi Ofc. Armstrong,

I was reviewing DataMaster data from the last couple of months and came across this series of tests:

100673	5/10/2025 2:25 AM	Seward PD		0.13100000	Blank Error
100673	5/10/2025 2:30 AM	Seward PD			Internal Standard En
100673	5/10/2025 2:33 AM	Seward PD		0.12500000	Blank Error
100673	5/10/2025 2:38 AM	Seward PD			Internal Standard En
100673	5/10/2025 2:40 AM	Seward PD			Blank Error
100673	5/10/2025 2:43 AM	Seward PD			Blank Error
100673	5/10/2025 2:46 AM	Seward PD		0.12300000	

Although this did eventually result in a breath alcohol tests result on the last test, I would really not recommend testing a person this many times. This issue here being with multiple status messages, defending the reliability of that final test is going to be seriously challenging. This probably could have been better served by stopping after 2 tests and getting a blood draw. I'm letting you know this as the Breath Test Supervisor for your agency.

Please let me know if you have any follow up questions.

*Derek Walton*

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