

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory
Change in Instrument Status Form

Version: 6.0

Effective: 1/17/2024

Date: 3/7/2026

Instrument #: 100680

Instrument Location: AST/Willow

Supervisor Name and Agency: SCDL - Kaija Swisher

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

Attempted VOC but Standard out of Range error occurred 5 times. Park Ranger Tiffany Walters reached out to Paulyne Catacutan for trouble shooting. The dry gas tank was replaced and VOC passed.

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

In Service Date/Time: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Out of Service Date/Time: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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Additional Notes

See attached emails between Ranger Walters and Paulyne Catacutan. – KS 3/9/26.

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

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Approved by: Chemistry Supervisor

Swisher, Kaija L (

From:
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 2:09 PM
To: Swisher, Kaija L (DPS)
Subject: FW: VOC needed for AST Willow



Paulyne C Catacutan

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From: Walters, Tiffany M (DNR) <tiffany.walters@alaska.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2026 11:13 AM
To: Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS) <paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov>
Cc: Barela, Mariano D (DPS) <mariano.barela@alaska.gov>; O'Bryant, Colleen S (DPS) <colleen.obryant@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: VOC needed for AST Willow

Everything was swapped out and the VOC looked good. I have to be in Anchorage on Tuesday anyway so I will bring the tank into town.

Tiffany Walters
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From: Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS) <paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 8:13 AM
To: Walters, Tiffany M (DNR) <tiffany.walters@alaska.gov>
Cc: Barela, Mariano D (DPS) <mariano.barela@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: VOC needed for AST Willow

Can you please leave that tank at Palmer PD so we can check it out? Colleen will pick it up on Monday.



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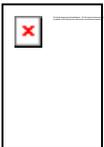
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From: Walters, Tiffany M (DNR) <tiffany.walters@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 2:49 PM
To: Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS) <paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov>
Cc: Barela, Mariano D (DPS) <mariano.barela@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: VOC needed for AST Willow

I'm out until Saturday and Barela is back on Sunday so I can try again then.

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On Mar 3, 2026, at 2:44 PM, Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS) <paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov>

wrote:

We will send another tank tomorrow if you can pick it up for Palmer PD. Or do you prefer for it to be shipped?



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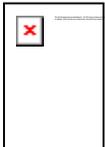
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From: Walters, Tiffany M (DNR) <tiffany.walters@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 2:41 PM
To: Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS) <paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: VOC needed for AST Willow

Another standard out of range.

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On Mar 3, 2026, at 2:27 PM, Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS)
<paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov> wrote:

Please take off the tank and then put it back in. Check that the O-ring is properly placed and that the tank is completely screwed on then do another VOC and we shall see what that say.

Thank you,

<image003.jpg>

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From: Walters, Tiffany M (DNR) <tiffany.walters@alaska.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 2:07 PM

To: Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS) <paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov>

Cc: Barela, Mariano D (DPS) <mariano.barela@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: VOC needed for AST Willow

Paulyne,

I did the tank change which ran a VOC that passed. The instrument and the area around it was super dusty so I wiped down the area with a glass cleaner . After I received your email, I pulled the file and took it to a computer. The computer wouldn't read my USB so I got another USB to try to pull the file but it told me no files. So I ran another VOC and got a failure on the pump on. I ran it again and got the same pump on failure. I turned the pump on and off manually. The next one I ran I got standard out of range. I ran it again and got another standard out of range. I ventilated the room with a fan and got the same failure. As I was about to leave the room, another one ran on its own. I've tried calling but your phone goes straight to voicemail.

Tiffany Walters

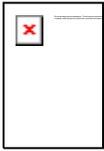
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On Mar 3, 2026, at 1:17 PM, Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS) <paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov> wrote:

Can you please send the VOC? We are unable to pull it in our end.

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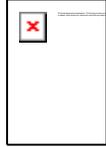
From: Walters, Tiffany M (DNR) <tiffany.walters@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 12:35 PM
To: Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS) <paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov>
Cc: Barela, Mariano D (DPS) <mariano.barela@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: VOC needed for AST Willow

Paulyne,

Tank change is complete. Confirm you got the VOC and we're all good to go?

Thanks,

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On Mar 2, 2026, at 8:24 AM, Walters, Tiffany M (DNR) <tiffany.walters@alaska.gov> wrote:

Colleen could drop one off at Palmer Post that'd be great. I should be able to get to it tomorrow.

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On Mar 2, 2026, at 8:03 AM,
Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS)
<paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov>
wrote:

Where would you like to get the tank sent to? TGI Freight would be handling it and it might take a day or two to get there.
Or it can be picked up or Colleen O'Bryant can drop it off in Palmer PD to be picked up by the end of today.
Just let me know what works for you.

Thank you,
<image002.jpg>
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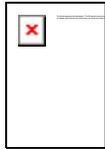
From: Walters, Tiffany M (DNR)
<tiffany.walters@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 8:01 AM
To: Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS)
<paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: VOC needed for AST
Willow

That would be great. Where are you sending it and about what time?

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On Mar 2, 2026, at
7:39 AM, Catacutan,
Paulyne C (DPS)
<paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov> wrote:

I can send one today
and please plug that
in as soon as it's
received.

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**Paulyne C
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From: Walters, Tiffany
M (DNR)
<tiffany.walters@alaska.gov>

Sent: Friday, February
27, 2026 11:39 AM

To: Catacutan, Paulyne
C (DPS)

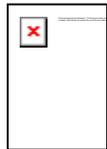
<paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: VOC
needed for AST Willow

Paulyne,

It appears the tank expired on 12/18/2025 and the last VOC was run on 12/12/2025. I will see if I can find a tank here in the Valley. Is there anything else I need to do?

Thank you,
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