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Subject: Idaho Breath Alcohol Standard Operating Procedure Revision Today

The Idaho Breath Alcohol Standard Operating Procedure has been revised. The changes for revision 5 (8/20/2013) are outlined as follows:

ISPFS established revocation criteria for operators and breath testing specialists. These criteria were not addressed in previous revisions and this was added as a legal consideration for disciplinary action in the breath testing program.

The expiration date for individuals certified under the online program was changed to two years for BTO and BTS. The two month grace period under the previous 26 month standard is no longer needed with the on-demand online training program. Individuals certified under previous revisions of the SOP keep their 26 month expiration date. All individuals after July 1, 2013 must certify or recertify under the online training program.

Clarifies the role of a BTS as a proficiency testing proctor under the new online program requirements. The BTS and BTO are now required to take and pass a proctored proficiency test as part of the online training program. Other changes were made to the SOP to accommodate the new online training program.

The SOP was updated to allow for dry gas calibration and performance verification. This is a scientifically valid method and ISPFS is validating it for use in Idaho.

Clarification was added that standards should not be used beyond their expiration date.

The term at least was removed from the 15 minute monitoring period because the language is not necessary to define the monitoring period.

The term duplicate was changed to subsequent to more accurately define tests done in succession.

The glossary was updated to reflect the most current terms and their scientific usage within the discipline. The definitions allow for future expansion of the discipline without need for changing the terms again.

The new and old revisions of the document are available on the ISPFS website at <http://www.isp.idaho.gov/forensics/index.html> Please contact Jeremy Johnston (Alcohol Discipline Leader) or Matthew Gamette (Quality Manager) with any concerns or questions.

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