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Chief or Sheriff,

Effective immediately, Idaho State Police Forensic Services requests that any law enforcement agency in Idaho using the Draeger Alcotest 9510 instrument for evidential testing remove any attached gas cylinder(s) from the instrument and temporarily take the instrument out of service. Agencies may continue to use any other Idaho approved and certified instrument to perform evidentiary testing.

Data generated by our laboratory over the last few days indicates that while the Draeger Alcotest 9510 instrument is working well on subject tests, we are investigating reports of leaks in the gas delivery system used for performance verifications. There have been several reports of tanks being consumed more quickly than specified by the manufacturer. We are also investigating problems with the gas cylinders when the pressure gets low. Out of an abundance of caution we are taking these instruments out of service while these issues are examined further. We will contact you again as soon as we have more information on this issue.

ISPFS will continue to work with individual agencies providing "hands-on" Draeger Operator instrument training and proficiency testing while we work out these instrument issues.

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