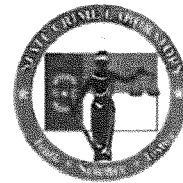


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Memorandum of Agreement

DNA Data Acceptance from a Vendor Laboratory

This Inter-departmental Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), made and entered on the date indicated below, is executed by and between the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory (hereinafter NCSCCL) and NMS Labs (hereinafter Vendor Lab).

The NCSCCL has developed a mechanism by which DNA data from criminal cases that has been generated by an ASCLD-LAB or FQS-I accredited, non-NDIS participating laboratory external to the NCSCCL can be technically reviewed, evaluated, and entered into the appropriate index within the CODIS framework under the NCSCCL's custody.

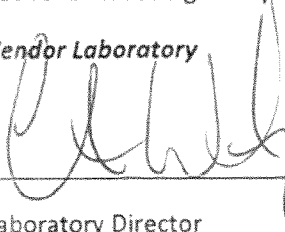
To facilitate this process, the NCSCCL has developed a procedure specific to this activity. The certification, documentation and technical requirements associated with this procedure are based on the laboratory's compliance with the national Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories, ISO 17025 certification requirements, and adherence to the National DNA Index System DNA Data Acceptance Standards mandated for participation in CODIS. The procedures outlined apply to scenarios in which an accredited, non-NDIS participating laboratory (public or private) processes evidentiary and reference samples for a law enforcement agency in furtherance of a criminal investigation. The NCSCCL will not be obligated for any costs incurred by an outside laboratory associated with meeting data acceptance requirements under this agreement.

This Memorandum of Agreement establishes documentation of an agreement by the DNA data submitting laboratory to comply with the applicable conditions outlined in the NCSCCL Forensic Biology Section's Procedure for DNA Data Acceptance from a Vendor Laboratory for the purpose of submitting DNA data to the NCSCCL for evaluation and entry into the appropriate index within the CODIS system. Subsequent failure to adhere to the conditions outlined in this procedure by the DNA data submitting laboratory will result in a cessation of this agreement and may result in the rejection of future data submission requests by that laboratory. In addition, the NCSCCL, as owner of any DNA profile entered/searched in CODIS on behalf of a vendor laboratory, shall remove any such profile from CODIS upon the failure of the vendor laboratory to disclose any updates to the mandatory documentation that is required to be submitted to the NCSCCL.


This MOA will become effective upon the signature of the last signatory. This MOA may be amended by written agreement of the parties signed by the respective parties. Such amendments shall be incorporated as an addendum to this MOA. This MOA may be terminated by either party upon at least 90 days written notice, or immediately upon written notice for cause signed by the respective parties of the NCSCCL.

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Laboratory Director Date



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