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ANNUALLY

Once per calendar year.

BATCH

A group of specimens extracted/prepared and analyzed during the same time period, which includes appropriate calibrators, positive control(s), and/or negative control(s). This is also known as run or sequence.

BLOOD ALCOHOL/TOXICOLOGY EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT DROP BOX

Drop box located in the lobby area of each Evidence Receiving Unit for the submission of hand delivered Blood Alcohol/Toxicology Evidence Collection Kits.

CRITICAL

Reagents and equipment used in the laboratory that directly affect the quality of analysis.

CUT-OFF

The measured value established for a screening assay. Values equal to or above this value will be identified as presumptively positive.

NONCRITICAL

Reagents and equipment used in the laboratory that do not directly affect the quality of analysis.

PROCESSED EVIDENCE

Any evidence that has been received into the laboratory, documented, entered into LIMS, and is therefore ready for examination.

MIX

To blend the constituents of a sample by either using a vortex or inversion.

OPIATE REMARK/ADDITIONAL OPIATE REMARK

Presumptive testing indicates the possibility of opiates/additional opiates.

PROOFING

A measure of how much ethanol is contained in an alcoholic beverage (will be reported in v/v%).

STOCK REFERENCE STANDARD

The initial solution made from standard reference material from which appropriate dilutions may be made.

TOXICOLOGY SUPERVISOR

This term refers to the unit chief or any person serving as an acting unit chief for the Toxicology Unit.

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TYPE A EVALUATION

A method of evaluation of uncertainty by the statistical analysis of a series of observations.

TYPE B EVALUATION

A method of evaluation of uncertainty by means other than the statistical analysis of a series of observations.

UNPROCESSED EVIDENCE

Any evidence that has been received, but has not been documented or entered into LIMS.