

**RESPONSE TO  
ASCLD/LAB  
INSPECTORS'  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2003,  
CORRESPONDENCE**

**NOVEMBER 2002 INSPECTION**

**SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
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Dear Don:

Reference your August 19, 2003 letter forwarding the Response to ASCLD/LAB Inspectors' July 23, 2003 Correspondence. The inspection team has completed its review of the documentation and the following comments are provided on each of the criteria identified in the report:

1.4.2.4: The information satisfactorily addresses the requirements for conducting an annual review of the quality system. Has an annual review of the quality system been completed?

**Response:** Yes. The annual review of the quality system was completed on December 17, 2002.

1.4.2.8: The information satisfactorily addresses latent print issues that remained unresolved. When were the procedures implemented in case work?

**Response:** The procedures were implemented in case work on September 5, 2003.

1.4.2.19: The information satisfactorily addresses all issues associated with proficiency testing discrepancies. When was the procedure formally implemented?

**Response:** The procedure was implemented on July 30, 2003, which was the date of the final revision of the procedure ("Proficiency Test Evaluation Results," Section 7.13.7).

All findings now appear to be satisfactorily resolved. As soon as information is provided that the annual review of the quality system is complete and documented and that a 90 day period exists for implementation with criteria 1.4.2.8 and 1.4.2.19, and revisit will be able to be conducted.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ralph Keaton, ASCLD/LAB Executive Director  
Frank Fitzpatrick, ASCLD/LAB Board Coordinator  
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