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**1. Purpose:**

To standardize administrative procedures for sampling and testing activities of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Microbiological Data Program (MDP) and the Pesticide Data Program (PDP).

**2. Scope:**

This standard operating procedure (SOP) shall be followed by the USDA Monitoring Programs Division (MP) and all facilities involved in the collection of samples and performance of analytical determinations for MDP and PDP, including support laboratories conducting non-routine activities that may impact the program.

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  - U.S. EPA, *Study Director*, 40 CFR part 160.33
  - U.S. EPA, *Quality Assurance Unit*, 40 CFR part 160.35
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## **5. Facilities**

### **5.1 Facilities for Handling Test, Control, and Reference Substances**

Adequate space shall be provided for conducting sampling and analytical laboratory work performed for MDP and PDP. Space shall be as needed to prevent contamination or mix-ups of samples, reference materials, and other work in place in the facility.

### **5.2 Specimen and Data Storage Facilities**

**5.2.1** Adequate space shall be provided for the storage and retrieval of all samples (and for MDP isolates), for raw data including archived data and for the analysis of samples to ensure integrity and prevent the possibility of contamination and cross-contamination. Access to this space shall be limited to authorized personnel.

**5.2.2** Each participating laboratory shall maintain a site-specific record system to suit its particular circumstances, which assures orderly storage and expedient retrieval of data and other records.

**5.2.3** Physical and environmental conditions of storage shall minimize deterioration of the documents in accordance with the requirements for the time period of their retention and the nature of the documents.

**5.2.4** Where computers or automated equipment are used for the storage or retrieval of data, the laboratory shall ensure that:

- Computer software is documented, adequate for use and is run periodically to verify correct operation. Computer and automated equipment is maintained to ensure proper functioning and provided with the environmental and operating conditions necessary to maintain data integrity;
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- Appropriate procedures are established and implemented for protecting the integrity of data (such procedures shall include but not be limited to integrity of data entry or capture and data storage) and for the maintenance of security of data including the prevention of unauthorized access or amendment of electronic records.

### **5.3 Inspection of Facilities**

**5.3.1** A sampling or laboratory facility shall permit an authorized employee or duly designated representative of USDA/Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS), at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, to inspect the facility and to inspect (and in the areas of records to copy) all records and samples required to be maintained regarding MDP/PDP operations.

**5.3.2** MP shall communicate any serious deficiencies identified during the facility inspection in a memo format within 10 days. Additionally, MP shall provide a draft, written report for the sampling or laboratory facility's comments. A final report incorporating any comments received shall be issued within 60 days of the last day of the review.

**5.3.3** When the review results in adverse findings, the sampling or laboratory facility shall provide a written response to the MP report, outlining plans to correct any adverse findings within 60 days of receipt of the report.

### **5.4 Data and Records Retention Periods**

#### **5.4.1 Monitoring Programs Division (10 years)**

General information relating to USDA/AMS PDP and MDP correspondence, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), protocols, semi-annual program plans, annual and/or semi-annual Federal/State meeting minutes and/or presentations, sampling plans, sampling site information, semi-annual State Meeting minutes, interim and final reports, data interpretations, and other significant program-unique information.

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## 5.4.2 States and Laboratories

### 5.4.2.1 25 years

- PDP/MDP sample data packages
- PDP method validation data packages
- PDP proficiency testing data packages

### 5.4.2.2 5 years

Supporting data generated by PDP Federal/State laboratories including, but not limited to, historical internal SOPs and work instruction documents, logbooks (e.g. standard preparation, instrument, freezer, temperature, etc.), chromatograms generated during standards checking, sample worksheets (e.g., homogenization, extraction, etc.) not specific to individual sample sets, correspondences and other documents relating to interpretation and evaluation of data, corrective actions, deviation letters, method development studies other than official PDP method validation packages, control charts, etc.

### 5.4.2.3 2 years

Supporting data and records for MDP/PDP sampling and MDP laboratory operations including, but not limited to:

- **MDP/PDP Sampling** - historical internal SOPs, sampling plans, site information, commodity payment records, surplus commodity disposition records, raw Sample Information Form data sheets, etc.
  - **MDP Laboratory** - historical internal SOPs and work instructions, correspondences and other documents relating to data interpretation and evaluation of data, corrective actions, deviation letters, method tryouts data, proficiency testing data and reports, sample worksheets, temperature logs, etc.
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### 5.4.3 Data Transfer

**5.4.3.1** The minimum on-site retention for items in 5.4.2 above is 2 years after which they may be transferred to a designated federal records center (FRC) per section 5.5 below or, if longer retention is not stipulated, destroyed according to applicable internal records destruction procedures.

**5.4.3.2** MP shall be contacted if a laboratory wishes to transfer records within a timeframe shorter than 2 years.

## 5.5 Records Archival Procedure

### 5.5.1 Data Archival at the Participating Laboratory

**5.5.1.1** An individual(s) shall be identified as the archivist for the laboratory.

**5.5.1.2** Access to archived records shall be monitored and controlled. Use of manual or electronic logs is recommended.

**5.5.1.3** Physical and environmental conditions of storage shall minimize deterioration of the documents in accordance with the requirements for the time period of retention and the nature of the documents. Locked file cabinets, temperature-controlled and/or secured records storage facilities, etc. are acceptable.

**5.5.1.4** Each data package retained shall be filed by calendar year and month.

### 5.5.2 Transferring Records to the Federal Records Centers

**5.5.2.1** Dispose of all extra copies of records, non-record material (e.g., buckslips, post-it notes, etc.), and metal items (e.g., paperclips, binder clips, etc.) in accordance with individual laboratory security policies. The use of accordion

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folders is suggested. Binders with non-metal parts (e.g., plastic combs/spirals, 3-ring “Tuffy” mechanisms, etc.) are also acceptable.

**5.5.2.2** Sample data packages representing a single calendar year must be transferred separately from other calendar years (i.e., utilizing a different transfer number). Within each calendar year, the data packages shall be filed by month and commodity. Supporting documentation must be archived separately by time span and subject (e.g., 2007-2009 Temperature Logs, 2006-2009 Administrative Documents, etc.) at the discretion of the laboratory.

**5.5.2.3** PDP method validation sets and proficiency testing sample sets may be transferred concurrently with sample data packets from the same calendar year or they may be transferred separately at a later date.

**5.5.2.4** All transfers must be requested electronically using the SF-135 fillable form (*Attachment 2*, Standard Form SF-135, Fillable Template) through MP’s NARA liaison.

**5.5.2.5** Examples of the required information on the SF-135 form for various records are provided. Records Transmittal and Receipt (refer to *Attachment 2* for form template, *Attachment 3* as an example for routine data, *Attachment 4* as an example for method validation data, *Attachment 5* as an example for supporting documentation and *Attachment 6* as an example for sampling documentation). **Note:** An Adobe Acrobat fillable form SF-135 is available on the internet at Federal Records Centers — Records Retrieval Services, Records Transmittal and Receipt, SF-135 (<http://www.archives.gov/frc/forms/sf-135-intro.html>).

**5.5.2.6** Use only FRC boxes when transferring records. Boxes may be obtained by contacting USDA/AMS MP. Refer to *Attachment 7* for illustrated box assembly and packing instructions.

**5.5.2.7** When packing records, do not force files into the boxes. Leave approximately one inch of space in each box to permit easy withdrawal of folders. Pack folders upright, with letter size folders facing the front of the container. Do not place folders one on top of another.



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**5.5.2.8** Number the cartons sequentially (e.g., 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, etc.) with permanent black marker in the upper right front corner. The box numbers shall correspond to the completed SF-135.

**5.5.2.9** MP will submit the SF-135 to the FRC for approval and assignment of the transfer number. Once the transfer number is received by MP, a hard copy of the SF-135 will be generated and sent back to the transferring laboratory. Upon receipt of the approved SF-135, the transfer number shall be placed in the upper left front of the carton. All transfers must be forwarded to the FRC within 90 days of the assignment of a transfer number. If the FRC does not receive the records during the allotted time period, the transfer number becomes null and void. Include the date of disposal on the approved SF-135 on the outside of each box.

**5.5.2.10** Place the approved SF-135 and box listing inside the first box of the transfer.

**5.5.2.11** Close all boxes and seal with filament tape. Ensure that the filament tape does not cover the transfer number or the carton number.

**5.5.2.12** Ship all boxes to the appropriate designated FRC using the most economical and secure carrier (e.g., Certified US Mail 3<sup>rd</sup> Class or equivalent). All expenses incurred in transferring records must be charged to the laboratory's MDP/PDP allocated funds. The records will be retained by the FRC and will be available for retrieval during the specified storage time through the MP NARA liaison.

## **6. Personnel and Organization**

### **6.1 Personnel Requirements**

#### Employee Qualifications

Each individual responsible for the supervision of or engaged in the conduct of the sample collection process or laboratory analyses for MDP/PDP shall have the education, training, and experience, or combination thereof, to enable that individual to perform the assigned functions.

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**Note:** the term "each individual" includes temporary and part-time workers as well as aides and others who participate in MDP/PDP-related activities.

**6.1.2** Employee Records shall be kept current and shall include:

- Information to support that the individual meets at least the minimum standards for the position which they hold.
- Information pertaining to training, competency, and authorization to perform activities. The records for laboratory personnel shall reflect whether an analyst's proficiency is individual or as part of a team.
- Publications and articles authored as well as participation in professional societies should be included in the records.

**Note:** Each participating State/facility stipulates the specific information required (e.g., resumes, CV, employment applications, job descriptions, etc.).

**6.1.3** Technical Personnel Performance Evaluation

Each laboratory shall document the procedures for individual performance evaluation in an internal SOP. Suggestions for performance evaluation include:

**6.1.3.1** MDP

- Proficiency test (PT) results
- Performance on non-MDP proficiency test exercises using similar methods and/or techniques

**6.1.3.2** PDP

- Proficiency test (PT) results
  - Control charting of process controls and fortification spikes. Acceptance criteria for recoveries and coefficient of variation are outlined in PDP-QC.
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- Internal blind check samples prepared by the QAU and fortified with PDP pesticides varying between 1xLOQ and 10xLOQ. Acceptance criteria for recoveries and coefficient of variation are outlined in PDP-QC.

## **6.2 USDA/AMS Responsibilities**

**6.2.1** USDA/AMS has named the MP Director as the MDP/PDP Program Administrative Director in charge of Financial and Administrative Affairs. See the appropriate section of this SOP.

**6.2.2** The MP Deputy Director has been designated as the MDP/PDP Technical Director. Technical program reports shall be made to the Technical Director at USDA/AMS, S&T, MP, 8609 Sudley Road, Suite 206, Manassas, VA 20110, (telephone (703) 330-2300 or FAX (703) 369-0678) (*see the appropriate section of this SOP*).

**6.2.3** USDA/AMS management shall:

- Replace the Program Administrative Director or the Technical Director promptly if it becomes necessary to do so during the conduct of the MDP/PDP studies.
- Ensure that personnel, resources, facilities, equipment, materials, and methodologies are available as scheduled.
- Ensure that personnel clearly understand the functions they are to perform.
- Ensure any MDP/PDP-related records (e.g., sampling, laboratory, equipment, financial, etc.) are available for inspection by authorized employees or duly designated representatives of USDA/AMS.

## **6.3 MDP/PDP Program Administrative Director**

USDA/AMS shall identify a scientist or other professional of appropriate education, training, and experience, or combination thereof, as the Program Administrative Director for MDP/PDP. The Program Administrative Director has the overall administrative responsibility for program expansion, budgeting, cooperative agreements, memoranda of understanding, and major disbursement of funds. The Program Administrative Director shall:

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**6.3.1** Appoint and supervise a qualified individual to be responsible for and fulfill the duties of Technical Director.

**6.3.2** Inform the Deputy Administrator for USDA/AMS, Science and Technology, on financial and administrative affairs, as necessary.

**6.3.3** Prepare and submit annual budgets for the administration of MDP/PDP at the national level.

**6.3.4** Negotiate work contracts in cooperation with the States and/or other Federal agencies, after consultation with the Technical Director on the Statement of Work.

**6.3.5** Monitor through appropriate documentation the States' and/or Federal facilities' use of Federal funds.

**6.3.6** Serve as liaison to CDC, EPA, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and other USDA agencies participating in MDP/PDP.

**6.4 MDP/PDP Technical Director**

USDA/AMS shall identify a scientist of appropriate education, training, and experience, or combination thereof, as the Technical Director for MDP/PDP. The Technical Director shall:

**6.4.1** Serve as the major point of program control with responsibility for the sampling and technical conduct of the MDP/PDP studies.

**6.4.2** Be responsible for overall monitoring of quality assurance of sampling, technical, and database operations to assure management that the facilities, equipment, personnel, methods, practices, records, and controls are in conformance with USDA/AMS program plans and SOPs.

**6.4.3** Ensure that data are reported in an annual program summary. This includes the interpretation, analysis, documentation, and reporting of results.

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**6.4.4** Inform the Deputy Administrator for USDA/AMS, Science and Technology, and the Program Administrative Director on MDP/PDP sampling, laboratory, and database issues, as necessary.

**6.4.5** Serve as an additional liaison to CDC, EPA, FDA, and other USDA agencies participating in MDP/PDP.

**6.4.6** Consult with the Administrative Director on the Statement of Work during contract negotiations.

**6.4.7** Ensure that:

**6.4.7.1** The program plans and MDP/PDP SOPs, including any changes, are approved and followed.

**6.4.7.2** All sampling information and experimental data are accurately recorded and verified.

**6.4.7.3** Unforeseen circumstances that may affect the quality and integrity of MDP/PDP samples and/or studies are documented as they occur, and corrective actions are taken and documented, as necessary.

**6.4.7.4** MDP/PDP sampling procedures and test systems are as specified in the program plans and SOPs. This shall be accomplished through conference calls, reviews, and frequent communications with participants.

**6.4.7.5** Reviews of participant sampling and laboratory facilities are performed at intervals adequate to ensure the integrity of MDP/PDP samples and analytical results and written records of each review are maintained. The frequency of reviews for a particular participant shall be based on two factors:

- Time elapsed since the last review, and/or
  - Designated need due to problems associated with the collection or analysis of samples performed by that participant. Participant Administrative Managers
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shall be notified and final arrangements shall be made at least two weeks in advance of the review, if at all possible.

For sampling reviews, the review report is distributed to:

- the participant's Administrative Manager, supervisor of the Sampling Manager, and Sampling Manager;
- the USDA/AMS Administrative Director and Technical Director; and
- AMS Compliance and Analysis Programs.

For laboratory reviews, the review report is distributed to:

- the participant's Administrative Manager, TPM, and QAO;
- the USDA/AMS Administrative Director and Technical Director; and
- AMS Compliance and Analysis Programs.

**6.4.7.6** All raw data and supporting laboratory records are stored, retained, and transferred to the archives during or at the close of MDP/PDP.

## **6.5 Responsibilities of Participants**

**6.5.1** Each participant laboratory shall designate an Administrative Manager. Each sample collection participant shall designate a Sampling Manager. Each laboratory participant shall designate a TPM and a QAO. See the appropriate sections of this SOP.

**6.5.2** The participant management shall:

**6.5.2.1** Replace the Administrative Manager, Sampling Manager, QAO, or the TPM promptly if it becomes necessary to do so during the conduct of the MDP/PDP testing.

**6.5.2.2** Ensure that there is a Quality Assurance Unit (QAU) as described in this SOP.

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**6.5.2.3** Ensure that personnel, resources, facilities, equipment, materials, and methodologies are available as scheduled.

**6.5.2.4** Ensure that personnel clearly understand the functions they are to perform.

**6.5.2.5** Ensure that laboratory activities are conducted in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local safety and waste disposal codes/requirements. Laboratories shall also comply with applicable Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP), biosafety manual, Injury and Illness Prevention Programs, Employee Right-To-Know Programs, etc., and have Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) available to all applicable personnel.

**6.5.2.6** Ensure that any unauthorized deviations from the MDP/PDP SOPs, program policies, and approved analytical methodologies as reported by the QAU are communicated to the USDA/AMS Technical Director and that corrective actions are taken and documented.

**6.5.2.7** Ensure an accurate and timely inventory of supplies and equipment purchased or utilized for MDP/PDP is maintained.

**6.5.2.8** Ensure any MDP/PDP-related records (e.g., sampling, laboratory, equipment, financial, personnel, etc.) are available for inspection per section 5.3 by authorized employees or duly designated representatives of USDA/AMS.

**6.5.2.9** Provide the name and position for all administrative, sampling, and technical personnel associated with MDP/PDP-related activities annually, at the beginning of the Federal fiscal year (October 1). An update shall be submitted to MP within 30 days of any staff changes that may affect sample collection and/or data delivery.

**6.6 State/Facility Administrative Manager**

Each participating laboratory shall identify a scientist or other professional of appropriate education, training, and experience, or combination thereof, as the Administrative Manager for MDP/PDP. The Administrative Manager has overall administrative responsibility for their

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organization's participation in MDP/PDP. This would include but not be limited to MDP/PDP activities such as: sampling operations, laboratory management, budgeting, contracting, purchasing, inventory maintenance, and receipt of QA reports and associated corrective actions. The State/facility Administrative Manager shall:

**6.6.1** Prepare and maintain annual budgets for MDP/PDP contract administration. For States/Facilities where budget functions are managed by person(s) other than the assigned Administrative Manager, a description of how laboratory costs are calculated (number of FTEs including salary and benefits, supplies, rent, utilities, etc.) shall be provided to the MDP/PDP Program Administrative Manager when requesting funding to cover program operations.

**6.6.2** In cooperation with USDA/AMS prepare and negotiate work contracts for MDP/PDP.

**6.6.3** Maintain appropriate accounting records to document the State/facility use of federal contract funding.

**6.6.4** Maintain appropriate performance records to document State/facility performance and productivity on MDP/PDP studies (e.g., records of samples analyzed).

**6.7 State/Facility Sampling Manager**

Each sample collection participant shall identify a professional of appropriate education, training, and experience, or combination thereof, as the Sampling Manager for MDP/PDP. The Sampling Manager is responsible for the conduct of the participant's sampling procedures. The Sampling Manager shall ensure that:

**6.7.1** The MDP/PDP program plan and USDA/AMS Sampling SOPs, including any changes, are followed. Any problems regarding compliance with the program plan or Sampling SOPs shall be communicated immediately to the USDA/AMS Technical Director or designee.

**6.7.2** The participant sampling plan and internal sampling SOPs, including any changes, are followed. Participant internal sampling SOPs document specific procedures

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utilized by the facility in collecting and shipping MDP/PDP samples. These SOPs are intended to augment the USDA/AMS SOPs, by providing state-specific instructions.

**6.7.3** All required sampling information is accurately recorded and verified, including unforeseen circumstances that may affect the quality and integrity of MDP/PDP samples and when corrective actions were taken and documented, as necessary.

**6.7.4** Internal reviews of the procedures utilized by the sample collectors are performed at intervals adequate to ensure the integrity of MDP/PDP samples. The timeframe for performing internal reviews shall vary among participants based on the number of collectors to be reviewed. Each collector should be reviewed once before repeating the process. An exception would be if a number of problems are determined to be the result of a particular collector's negligence or failure to comply with the program SOPs.

**6.7.5** Records of each review are maintained. Each review report shall show:

- The date of the review,
- The name(s) and title(s) of the person(s) performing the review
- Observations, findings and problems, recommendations and suggested corrective actions.

**6.7.6** Group/individual training sessions are held periodically for the sample collectors. This is especially important if there are major program changes, or a number of sampling problems have been reported by either the USDA/AMS Technical Director or the applicable analytical laboratory(ies).

**6.7.7** Any other documents required in the MDP/PDP Sampling SOPs shall be kept on file and updated as necessary (e.g., master site lists, FTE information, volume weighting information for collection sites, donation receipts, etc.).

**6.7.8** All MDP/PDP supporting records for sampling activities are stored, retained, and transferred to the archives as specified in Sections 5.4 and 5.5.

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**6.8 State/Facility Technical Program Manager (TPM)**

Each participating laboratory shall identify a scientist or other professional of appropriate education, training, and experience, or combination thereof, as the Technical Program Manager for MDP/PDP. The TPM has overall responsibility for the technical conduct of the MDP/PDP testing contracted to the laboratory, as well as for the interpretation, analysis, documentation, and reporting of results. The TPM shall ensure that:

**6.8.1** The MDP/PDP plan and all USDA/AMS SOPs, including any changes, are followed. Any problems regarding compliance with the program plan or SOPs shall be communicated immediately to the USDA/AMS Technical Director or designee.

**6.8.2** The laboratory plan, internal SOPs, and analytical methodologies, including any approved changes and/or deviations, are followed.

**6.8.3** All experimental data are accurately recorded and verified, including unforeseen circumstances that may affect the quality and integrity of the MDP/PDP testing, and corrective actions, if any, are documented.

**6.8.4** All MDP/PDP test systems are as specified in the plan, SOPs, or analytical methods, including any approved changes and/or deviations.

**6.8.5** When requested, project status reports (e.g., progress on validation studies) are prepared.

**6.8.6** All required data is accurately transmitted electronically to USDA/AMS via remote data entry (RDE).

**6.8.7** All MDP/PDP raw data and supporting laboratory records are stored, retained, and transferred to the archives as specified in Sections 5.4 and 5.5.

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**6.9 State/Facility Quality Assurance Unit (QAU)**

Each MDP/PDP participating laboratory shall have a QAU consisting of one or more personnel of suitable qualifications. For those participants where there are two or more field facilities under a common administration there only needs to be a single QAU. Each MDP/PDP participating laboratory shall appoint an individual within the QAU to serve as the Quality Assurance Officer (QAO).

**6.9.1 QAU Independence**

The QAU shall be entirely separate from and independent of the personnel engaged in the technical direction and/or conduct of sample analyses. The QAU shall report to non-technically involved laboratory management such as the laboratory director or the Administrative Manager. The TPM is considered to be involved in the technical direction and conduct of the residue studies and therefore may not direct the QAU.

**6.9.2 Data Review and Transmission**

The QAU shall review all data packages as one of the final steps prior to submission to USDA/AMS. The QAU review shall be documented. See MDP/PDP DATA SOPs for guidelines. After the QAU review of a data package, data may not be changed by any laboratory personnel unless as a response to comments/concerns/recommendations by the QAU.

**6.9.3 Internal Audits**

The QAU shall perform audits of the laboratory operations at intervals adequate to ensure the integrity of MDP/PDP sample analyses and to evaluate the compliance of laboratory facilities, equipment, personnel, methods, practices, records, and controls are in conformance with the plans and SOPs issued by USDA/AMS and by the laboratory. Each segment or phase of MDP/PDP laboratory operations shall be audited at least every two years. Audit records shall include the dates the audits were performed, the audit findings, and reference to any corrective actions initiated.

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#### **6.9.4 Proficiency Testing (PT)**

The QAU shall notify MP (MDP/PDP Technical Director and assigned liaison microbiologist or chemist) of any corrective actions initiated in response to a PT result.

#### **6.9.5 Reports**

The QAU shall prepare and submit to MP semi-annual updates based on calendar year (i.e., January through June and July through December) summarizing QA issues. Updates shall be submitted within 30 days after the completion of the reporting period and should include the status of the following:

- Progress on Method Validations
- Corrective Action Summary
- Laboratory SOPs, New and Revised, titles and status specified
- Internal Audit Summary, including dates, areas audited, corrective actions, and unresolved issues
- Internal PT Sample Results, where applicable
- PT Sample Summary
- Changes to Methodology
- Miscellaneous QA Issues
- PDP only: status of two times the Limit of Quantitation (2x LOQ) quarterly spike results for all reported compounds (refer to PDP-QC).

### **7. Purchase, Inventory, and Salvage Procedures**

#### **7.1 Equipment Design**

Equipment used in the generation, measurement, or assessment of data for MDP/PDP and equipment used for facility environmental control shall be of appropriate design and adequate capacity to function according to MDP/PDP protocols and SOPs. Equipment shall be suitably located for operation, inspection, cleaning, and maintenance.

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## **7.2 Purchases**

**7.2.1** Purchases made using USDA funds, including split-funded purchases, must have a written authorization for program need and justification statement approved by the MP Director prior to purchasing. The written justification will accompany the GSA 49, Requisition/Procurement Request for Equipment Supplies or Services (see Attachment 8). Examples of purchases include equipment, equipment maintenance/service agreements, repairs, renovations, vehicles, employee development/training, conferences/meetings/seminars, accreditation fees/charges, consultants, etc.

**7.2.2** Exception to the requirement for prior written authorization is allowed for supplies, consumables, minor equipment, etc., all directly required to perform SOP activities (i.e. sample collection, analysis, data processing, etc.) within the following dollar amounts:

- MDP funds below \$2,500 per item or \$5,000 for multiples of the same item in one purchase, OR
- PDP funds below \$5,000 per item or \$10,000 for multiples of the same item in one purchase.

## **7.3 Equipment Inventory**

**7.3.1** The laboratory shall maintain property records for any piece of equipment purchased with MDP funds costing more than \$2,500 or PDP funds costing more than \$5,000, or when using matching funds for the joint purchase of equipment.

### **7.3.2 Equipment Installation Notification and Inventory Update**

**7.3.2.1** Upon full installation of equipment purchased with MDP funds costing more than \$2,500 or PDP funds costing more than \$5,000, the laboratory will send an immediate email to MP stating the equipment is installed and fully operational. This allows MP to process payments and reconcile reimbursement requests.

**7.3.2.2** Within 30 days of installation, the laboratory will add the equipment to the MDP/PDP Equipment Inventory Database, located on the MP Extranet (*see requirements in Attachment 9*).

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**7.3.3** A physical inventory of property shall be taken and the results reconciled with the MDP/PDP Equipment Inventory database at least once per year. After reconciling the individual State spreadsheet in the MP database, include the date and name of the person that performed the reconciliation at the top of the spreadsheet.

**7.4 Permission to Salvage, Dispose of Equipment, or Trade In**

**7.4.1** If the equipment was purchased by MP or using MDP/PDP Cooperative Agreement funds:

**7.4.1.1** and is no longer in working condition or is technically outdated, the laboratory must complete form AD-112, Report of Unserviceable, Lost, Stolen, Damaged or Destroyed Property (*see Attachment 10*), by dating and completing Sections 1-4, and submitted to the MP Administrative Director requesting permission to salvage, or dispose of the equipment. If approved, MP will return the signed AD-112 authorizing disposal. The laboratory shall use their internal equipment salvage/disposal procedures to dispose of the property.

**7.4.1.2** and is in working condition, but no longer being used, the laboratory will notify MP, which will offer it to other potential government programs or Federal facilities. If no government agency accepts the equipment, the MP Administrative Director will authorize the donation of the property and the laboratory must complete Form AD-107, Report of Transfer or Other Disposition or Construction of Property (*see Attachment 11*), by dating and completing Sections 1, 3-5 (if applicable), 4.a (with the laboratory name as the organizational unit) and 6 and submit it to the Administrative Director. Expenses related to the Transfer of said property will be incurred by the recipient.

**7.4.1.3** and is being Traded In, the laboratory must complete Form AD-107, Report of Transfer or Other Disposition or Construction of Property, and submit it to the Administrative Director (*see Attachment 11*).

**7.4.2** The laboratory must inform MP, in writing, of any changes regarding the disposition of equipment and the inventory list must be updated within 30 days.

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**8. MP Quality Assurance Program**

**8.1 Overview**

**8.1.1** The Program Administrative Director and Technical Director shall ensure that a quality assurance (QA) program is in place to monitor overall QA for sampling, technical, and database functions. The Technical Director shall have overall responsibility for assuring management that facilities, equipment, personnel, methods, practices, records, and controls of the program are in conformance with the plans and SOPs issued by MP.

**8.1.2** The Program Administrative Director and Technical Director shall appoint an individual to serve as the MP Quality Assurance Officer (QAO). The QAO shall be responsible for selected SOPs as detailed below and shall serve as the focal point for selected documents, reports, and correspondence pertaining to program quality control (QC) and/or QA issues.

**8.1.3** Additional, specific QA functions shall be assigned by the Program Administrative Director and Technical Director to appropriate sampling, technical, and database staff.

**8.1.4** Appropriate MDP/PDP records shall be maintained by assigned staff. Documents shall be maintained in a secure manner with reasonable environmental protection from deterioration for the life of the program. Electronic and hardcopy records shall be centrally maintained (i.e., on the shared drive and/or in the QA Records Room) according to established MP procedures. Maintenance shall be in an organized and systematic manner which allows accessibility by authorized staff.

**8.2 Files and Records**

**8.2.1** The Technical Director shall ensure that copies of the following documents are maintained in the centralized files:



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- MDP/PDP Semi-Annual Program Plans that specify the commodities and organisms/chemicals to be tested, as well as quarterly shipping charts that provide a schedule of samples to be collected and/or tested by each participant.
- A current MP Master Schedule of administrative, sampling, and laboratory reviews and report submissions. The Master Schedule shall include the dates reviews were made and the dates findings were reported to appropriate individuals. The Master Schedule shall be posted to the Extranet.

**8.2.2** The following documents shall be maintained in the centralized files by the assigned sampling and/or laboratory liaison(s):

- Administrative, sampling, and laboratory review reports.
- Authorizations for deviations from MP SOPs.
- Semi-annual laboratory QA reports.

### **8.3 SOPs**

**8.3.1** The MP Sampling Manager is responsible for maintaining all program sampling SOPs. This includes: scheduling issuance of SOPs, developing/revising SOPs in consultation with the Technical Director, distributing SOPs, updating the program Extranet/website with active SOPs, and maintaining all current and historical program SOPs (electronic and hardcopy files) related to sampling according to established MP procedures.

**8.3.2** The MP QAO is responsible for maintaining all program administrative and laboratory SOPs. This includes: scheduling issuance of SOPs, developing/revising SOPs in consultation with the Technical Director, distributing SOPs, updating the program Extranet/website with active SOPs, and maintaining all current and historical program SOPs (electronic and hardcopy files) related to administrative and testing activities according to established MP procedures.

**8.3.3** The Technical Director is responsible for ensuring that internal MP SOPs are prepared/revised. The QAO is responsible for: distributing SOPs, updating the program Extranet/website with active SOPs, and maintaining all current and historical program

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SOPs (electronic and hardcopy files) related to internal MP activities according to established MP procedures.

#### **8.4 Method Validation (PDP only)**

All laboratories perform method validation studies and submit method validation reports and records to MP in accordance with PDP-QC SOP.

**8.4.1** The Program Administrative Director and Technical Director shall appoint an individual to serve as the MP Method Validation Coordinator for each program. The Method Validation Coordinator shall:

- Perform a final review of all validation study reports prepared by liaison chemists to ensure that consistent policies are applied, makes recommendations based on findings.
- Track and file all method validation documentation (i.e., Letters of Intent, Method Validation Data Packages, associated MP reviews, Letters of Concurrence, requests for additional data, etc) to ensure that all required studies are performed by all applicable laboratories.
- Promptly communicate to the Technical Director delays in study reports submission.

#### **8.4.2. Letters of Intent**

- Letters of Intent submitted by laboratories shall be reviewed and verified against electronically submitted data (upon availability) by the assigned liaison chemist.
- Letters of Intent shall be tracked and maintained in centralized files by the Method Validation Coordinator.

#### **8.4.3. Method Validation Data Packages**

**8.4.3.1** The assigned liaison chemist shall review the data package according to established internal MP procedures and draft a Letter of Concurrence, including any recommendations or requirements for additional data. Refer to MP internal procedure, PDP-INTN-QC-01.

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**8.4.3.2** A second MP chemist shall perform an additional review of the data and make recommendations based on findings.

**8.4.3.3** The Method Validation Coordinator shall perform a final review of all validation study reports prepared by liaison chemists to ensure that consistent policies are applied, make recommendations based on findings, and:

- Track and file all validation study reports to ensure that all required studies are performed by all applicable laboratories and that Letters of Concurrence/requests for further data are issued by MP within 90 days of receipt of the data package.
- Promptly communicate to the Technical Director delays in study reports submission or issuance of MP Letters of Concurrence/requests for further data.
- Prepare draft Letters of Concurrence for the Technical Director.

**8.4.3.4** The Technical Director is responsible for final authorization of the Letter of Concurrence issued to the submitting laboratory.

## **8.5 Proficiency Testing (PT) Program**

**8.5.1** All MDP/PDP laboratories analyzing routine MDP/PDP samples are required to participate in PT programs as coordinated by MP.

**8.5.2** The Technical Director is responsible for management of the PT programs and shall assure that PT samples are delivered on schedule and reports are prepared. The PT schedule and the reports will be posted to the Extranet.

**8.5.3** The assigned liaison microbiologist or chemist shall be responsible for monitoring that laboratory's performance on PT rounds and shall communicate any concerns/corrective actions to the Technical Director. The Technical Director shall be responsible for overall monitoring of the proficiency of laboratories.

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## **8.6 Technical Advisory Group (TAG)**

### **8.6.1 MDP**

**8.6.1.1** The group shall be comprised of all MDP participating laboratory TPMs and/or QAOs and shall address program technical and QA issues/concerns.

**8.6.1.2** The Technical Director shall serve as MP liaison to the MDP TAG.

**8.6.1.3** A Chairperson will be elected each year and shall have sign-off responsibility for the program SOPs, with the exception of administrative SOPs, developed or revised during their term.

### **8.6.2 PDP**

**8.6.2.1** The MP QAO, in consultation with the Technical Director, shall serve as liaison to the PDP Technical Advisory Group (TAG). The committee shall be comprised of three selected members of participant QAOs and/or TPMs and shall address program QA issues/concerns.

**8.6.2.2** Each Committee member shall serve a three-year term, with the final year served as the Presiding Member. The Presiding Member shall have sign-off responsibility for PDP program SOPs, with the exception of administrative SOPs, developed or revised during their term.

## **8.7 Records Archival**

The Program Administrative Director and Technical Director shall appoint an individual to serve as the MP National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) contact for records disposition. The NARA contact shall be responsible for coordinating and tracking data submissions to NARA.

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## **9. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)**

### **9.1 Description of an SOP**

SOPs are written instructions on how to perform tasks and procedures. SOPs are intended to assure consistency of data, quality, and procedures throughout the MDP/PDP studies and to be utilized for audit or review purposes. **Note:** The term “SOP” may be interpreted as any type of participant internal document (e.g., policy, work instructions, etc.).

### **9.2 Components of an SOP**

**9.2.1** This SOP serves as a guideline of the basic components to be included in the preparation of an SOP. They may contain a Purpose, Scope, Outline of Procedures, References (if any), and Specific Procedure(s).

**9.2.2** Program and participants’ SOPs shall include a title, revision number, effective date and approval signatures (signatures may be handwritten or electronic).

**9.2.3** The Specific Procedure(s) shall be written in precise and explicit terminology. The SOP shall be detailed enough to cover every aspect of the procedure and is intended to provide consistency in the conduct of routine operations and to serve as a guide for the conduct of audits. It is not intended to replace experience and basic training but may be used as a training tool.

### **9.3 USDA/AMS SOPs**

**9.3.1** USDA/AMS shall provide SOPs giving the requirements for common aspects of the program, and specific requirements as needed. These include SOPs in the areas of:

- Administrative Procedures
- Sampling Procedures
- Laboratory Procedures
- Internal MP Procedures

**9.3.2** All USDA/AMS SOPs shall be considered directive, unless the SOP explicitly states that the SOP or a section of the SOP is suggestive in nature.

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**9.3.3** USDA/AMS shall have immediately available manuals and SOPs relative to the laboratory or field procedures being performed. Published literature may be used as a supplement to SOPs.

**9.3.4** Each USDA/AMS administrative SOP, as well as USDA/AMS internal MP SOPs, shall be approved and signed by the USDA/AMS Program Administrative Director and the Technical Director. Each USDA/AMS sampling SOP shall be prepared and signed by the author/revisionist, approved and signed by the Program Administrative Director and Technical Director, and reviewed and signed by the Presiding Member of the Sampling Advisory Committee. Each USDA/AMS laboratory SOP, with the exception of the administrative series, shall be prepared and signed by the author/revisionist, approved and signed by the Program Administrative Director and Technical Director, and reviewed and signed by the Chairperson/Presiding Member of the MDP/PDP Technical Advisory Group.

**9.3.5** All USDA/AMS SOPs shall be revised as needed.

**9.3.6** An index of USDA/AMS SOPs shall be maintained and distributed along with any SOP revisions.

**9.3.7** Distribution of the SOPs, original and subsequent revisions, shall include the USDA/AMS Program Administrative Director, Technical Director, and Archives; participating facilities' Administrative Managers, Sampling Managers, TPMs, and QAOs; and all other applicable personnel.

**9.3.8** Each sampling and laboratory participant shall maintain a copy of current USDA/AMS MDP/PDP SOPs and SOP index.

**9.4 State/Facility Internal SOPs**

**9.4.1** Each participant shall prepare internal SOPs in writing, giving specific details of procedures and methods utilized to comply with the USDA/AMS SOPs. Due to the time interval between issuance dates and effective dates for USDA/AMS SOPs, each

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participant may update their internal SOPs in order to comply at any time during the time interval. The internal SOPs shall ensure the quality and integrity of data.

**9.4.2** Each participant shall have immediately available manuals and SOPs relative to the procedures being performed. Published literature may be used as a supplement to SOPs.

**9.4.3** Authorized employees or duly designated representatives of USDA/AMS shall have access to internal SOPs during sampling and laboratory reviews.

**9.4.4** Each internal SOP shall be approved by at least two of the following senior managers: the QAO, the laboratory Administrative Manager or TPM, the Sampling Manager, or Sampling Administrative Manager, and the approval shall be recorded. The approval may be recorded by use of signature blocks in the SOP that contain the signature, the printed name, title, and date. Address and telephone number shall be included if the individual is not based at the facility. Each participant shall maintain copies of current and historical internal SOPs as well as records of the dates they are (or were) in effect.

**9.4.5** SOPs shall be revised as needed.

**9.4.6** Distribution of the internal SOPs, original and subsequent revisions, shall be available to each affected participant employee.

**9.5** SOP Deviations

**9.5.1** An SOP Deviation is the mechanism to allow participants to make pre-approved changes to written PDP/MDP requirements (SOPs, program plans, etc). Changes that are not pre-approved are dealt with via the participant's corrective action process.

**9.5.2** An SOP Deviation request is submitted from the participant to MP. The request shall be in writing but may be informal (e.g. e-mail) and may originate from the TPM, QAO, Sampling Manager, and/or Administrative Manager. Requests from laboratory participants shall include the QAU in order to ensure that any deviations do not compromise data quality.

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**9.5.3** The SOP Deviation request shall cite the particular SOP (including revision and subsection numbers) or other requirement. A description of need and/or rationale shall be included. The narrative should make clear the scope of the request (e.g. a particular sample, project, timeframe, etc., or a permanent change that would be in effect until affected by an SOP revision).

**9.5.4** Additional information may be requested from the participant by MP in order to evaluate the request.

**9.5.5** The MP Technical Director shall sign and approve all letters of deviation and shall ensure that any authorization for deviations from approved program plans or program SOPs does not compromise integrity of data. The MP Technical Director shall ensure that precise and technically accurate documentation of such deviations is maintained.

**9.5.6** MP may issue program-wide deviations (e.g. addressed to all Sampling Managers, all TPMs, etc) if applicable. Program-wide SOP Deviations will be posted in the SOP section of the MP Extranet.

**9.5.7** The participant shall maintain records of MP authorizations for deviation from MP SOPs/plans and ensure that they are communicated to appropriate personnel.

**9.5.8** When a revised PDP/MDP SOP is issued, participants are not required to submit a new SOP Deviation request provided the revision to the SOP does not impact operations (e.g. revision number and subsection number changes).

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- Updated the entire SOP, including SOP number, with the new program's name Monitoring Programs Division or MP instead of MPO
  - Section 5.4.1.1: added annual and/or semi-annual Federal/State meeting minutes and/or presentations to list of records to be maintained by MP for 10 years
  - Removed section 5.4.1.2 regarding MP retention of electronic databases and data summaries
  - Section 5.4.2.1: removed statement regarding 2 year retention at laboratory of records requiring a total of 25 years retention (2 year requirement is addressed in Section 5.4.3.1)
  - Moved Section 5.5.2.1 ("Each data package retained shall be filed by calendar year and month.") to become new Section 5.5.1.4
  - Renumbered sections in 5.5.2
  - Section 6.4.7.5: removed QAO from sampling review report distribution list
  - Section 6.7.6: removed requirement for signature of reviewer (first bullet) and removed word "printed" from second bullet ("The printed name(s) and title(s) of the person(s) performing the review")
  - Moved Section 6.7.6 to become Section 6.7.5 and renumbered old Section 6.7.5 as 6.7.6
  - Section 6.7.8 – reworded as: "All MDP/PDP supporting records for sampling activities are stored, retained, and transferred to the archives as specified in Sections 5.4 and 5.5."
  - Section 6.8.7 – reworded as: "All MDP/PDP raw data and supporting laboratory records are stored, retained, and transferred to the archives as specified in Sections 5.4 and 5.5."
  - Section 6.9: added requirement for laboratory to appoint an individual within the QAU as the QAO
  - Moved Section 6.9.6 requirement for QAU to ensure that deviations are properly authorized and documented to new Section 9.5, "SOP Deviations"
  - Section 7.2: separated authorization requirements for basic supplies and equipment that exceed MDP/PDP cost thresholds from requirements for justification and approval for non-conforming items that don't exceed program cost thresholds
  - Section 7.3: revised inventory requirements for clarification (laboratory shall immediately notify MP via email of equipment installation and shall add the equipment to the MDP/PDP Equipment Inventory Database within 30 days of installation) and to provide the reason for immediate MP notification of equipment installation (allows MP to process payment and reconciled affected reimbursement request)
  - Section 8.3: changed title from "SOPs and Deviations from SOPs" to "SOPs"
  - Moved Section 8.3.4 requirement for Technical Director approval and documentation of deviations to new Section 9.5
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Agricultural Marketing Service, Science & Technology  
Microbiological and Pesticide Data Programs**

SOP NO.: MP-ADMIN		Page 34 of 34	
Title: Administrative Procedures for the Microbiological Data Program and Pesticide Data Program			
Revision: 2	Replaces: 10/01/2010	Released: 10/03/2011	Effective: 01/01/2012

- Moved Section 9.4.5 requirement for participant maintenance and communication of deviations as well as stipulation that MP may require supporting documentation to new Section 9.5; renumbered remaining Sections
- Added new Section 9.5, “SOP Deviations”
- Section 9.4.1 – added provision for updating internal SOPs: “Due to to the time interval between issuance dates and effective dates for USDA/AMS SOPs, each participant may update their internal SOPs in order to comply at any time during the time interval.”
- Updated Attachment 1 with the e-mail addresses
- Updated Attachment 9 by replacing “Room Location” with “Location” and added footnote that the specific location within the laboratory is required to be documented (examples provided are room number, GC section)
- Updated Attachment 9 by adding new, required field for funding source (percentage of MDP/PDP funds used for purchase)

Revision 1

October 2010

Monitoring Programs Office

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- Updated References section
  - Updated and reorganized section 5.4 (Data and Records Retention Periods)
  - Updated and added new requirements for records’ transfers to FRC in section 5.5.2
  - Updated sections 6.5.2.9 regarding Responsibilities of Participants on updating MPO
  - Updated requirements for laboratory review repots in section 6.7.6
  - Updated sections 7.2 and 7.3 regarding Purchases and Equipment Inventory requirements
  - Updated section 8.6.1 regarding MDP TAG
  - Removed section 9.2.4 regarding the internal SOP formatting.
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**USDA/AMS Microbiological and Pesticide Data Programs  
Designated Federal Records Centers**

Laboratory+	Region	Send to:		
		Name	Address	MP to E-Mail
California Department of Food and Agriculture	Pacific Region	FRC	1000 Commodore Drive San Bruno, CA 94066-2350	<a href="mailto:SanBruno.transfer@nara.gov">SanBruno.transfer@nara.gov</a>
Colorado Department of Agriculture	Rocky Mountain Region	FRC	Bldg. 48, Denver Federal Center West 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and Kipling Street Denver, CO 80225-0307	<a href="mailto:denver.transfer@nara.gov">denver.transfer@nara.gov</a>
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Southeast Region	FRC	4712 Southpark Blvd. Ellenwood, GA 30294	<a href="mailto:atlanta.transfer@nara.gov">atlanta.transfer@nara.gov</a>
Maryland Department of Agriculture	Washington National Records Center	FRC	4205 Suitland Road Suitland, MD 20746-8001	<a href="mailto:suitland.transfer@nara.gov">suitland.transfer@nara.gov</a>
Michigan Department of Agriculture	Great Lakes Region	FRC	7358 South Pulaski Road Chicago, IL 60629-5898	<a href="mailto:chicago.transfer@nara.gov">chicago.transfer@nara.gov</a>
Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Great Lakes Region	FRC	7358 South Pulaski Road Chicago, IL 60629-5898	<a href="mailto:chicago.transfer@nara.gov">chicago.transfer@nara.gov</a>
Montana Department of Agriculture	Rocky Mountain Region	FRC	Bldg. 48, Denver Federal Center West 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and Kipling Street Denver, CO 80225-0307	<a href="mailto:denver.transfer@nara.gov">denver.transfer@nara.gov</a>
New York Department of Agriculture and Markets	Northeast Region	FRC	National Archives-Central Plains Region 200 Space Center Drive Lee's Summit, MO 64064-1182	<a href="mailto:KansasCityCave.transfer@nara.gov">KansasCityCave.transfer@nara.gov</a>
Ohio Department of Agriculture	Great Lakes Region	FRC	Federal Records Center – Dayton 3150 Springboro Road Dayton, OH 45439-1883	<a href="mailto:kingsridge.transfer@nara.gov">kingsridge.transfer@nara.gov</a>
Texas Department of Agriculture	Southwest Region	FRC	1400 John Burgess Drive Fort Worth, TX 76140	<a href="mailto:FtWorth.transfer@nara.gov">FtWorth.transfer@nara.gov</a>
Washington State Department of Agriculture	Pacific Alaska Region	FRC	6125 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115-7999	<a href="mailto:seattle.transfer@nara.gov">seattle.transfer@nara.gov</a>
Wisconsin State Department of Agriculture	Great Lakes Region	FRC	7358 South Pulaski Road Chicago, IL 60629-5898	<a href="mailto:chicago.transfer@nara.gov">chicago.transfer@nara.gov</a>
USDA, AMS, S&T, National Science Laboratory	Southeast Region	FRC	4712 Southpark Blvd. Ellenwood, GA 30294	<a href="mailto:atlanta.transfer@nara.gov">atlanta.transfer@nara.gov</a>
USDA, GIPSA, TSD, Pesticide Residue Laboratory	Central Plains Region	FRC	17501 West 98th Street, Room 47-48 Lenexa, KS 66219	<a href="mailto:lenexa.transfer@nara.gov">lenexa.transfer@nara.gov</a>

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**Federal Records Center**

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Monitoring Programs Division  
8609 Sudley Road, Suite 206  
Manassas, VA 20100

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3	AGENCY CONTACT	TRANSFERRING AGENCY LIAISON OFFICIAL (Name, office and telephone No) (Laboratory point of contact)	
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			20	1-3 4-5 6-9 10-14 15 16-18 19 20	United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service S&T, Monitoring Programs Division PESTICIDE (or MICROBIOLOGICAL) DATA PROGRAM ROUTINE DATA PACKAGE RECORDS Laboratory (CY 2001) January 2001 February 2001 March 2001 April 2001 May & June 2001 July 2001 August-October 2001	R						

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			20	1-3 4-7	United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service S&T, Monitoring Programs Division PESTICIDE DATA PROGRAM METHOD VALIDATION DATA PACKAGE RECORDS Laboratory (CY 2001) January-March 2001, CN April-November 2001, MK	R						

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			20	1-3 4-12 13-20	United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service S&T, Monitoring Programs Division PESTICIDE (or MICROBIOLOGICAL) DATA PROGRAM SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (Laboratory) Single Standards Logbooks, 1/95-12/98 Mixed Standards Logbooks, 7/97-2/99 Semi-annual Program Plans, 1993-2003	R						

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**Federal Records Center**  
 (Type your Fed. Rec. Ctr. Name/Address, see Attach. 3 list)

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 Monitoring Programs Division  
 8609 Sudley Road, Suite 206  
 Manassas, VA 20100

2 AGENCY TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION  
 TRANSFERRING AGENCY OFFICIAL (signature and title)  
**Janet Doyle, Chemist (or current liaison)**  
 DATE  
**Current Date**

3 AGENCY CONTACT  
 TRANSFERRING AGENCY LIAISON OFFICIAL (Name, office and telephone No)  
**(Type Sampling Manager's name or point of contact)**

4 RECORDS CENTER RECEIPT  
 RECORDS RECEIVED BY (Signature and Title)  
 DATE

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			8		United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service S&T, Monitoring Programs Division MICROBIOLOGICAL DATA PROGRAM SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (Name of State Agency)	R						
				1	Food Donation Receipts, 1/2005-12/2007							
				2-3	Vendor Payment Receipts, 1/2005-12/2007							
				4-8	Hand-Written data for Sample Information Forms, 1/2005-12/2007							

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Microbiological and Pesticide Data Programs  
Instructions for Assembly and Packaging of Record Boxes**

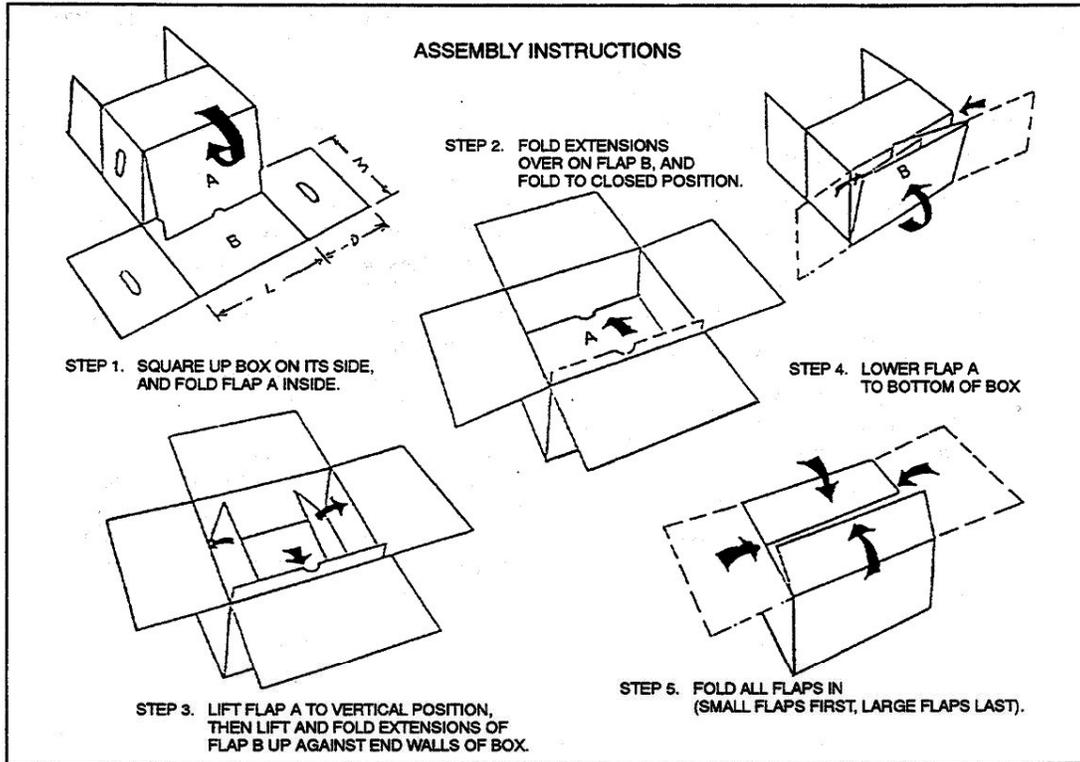


FIGURE 1 FRC BOX ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

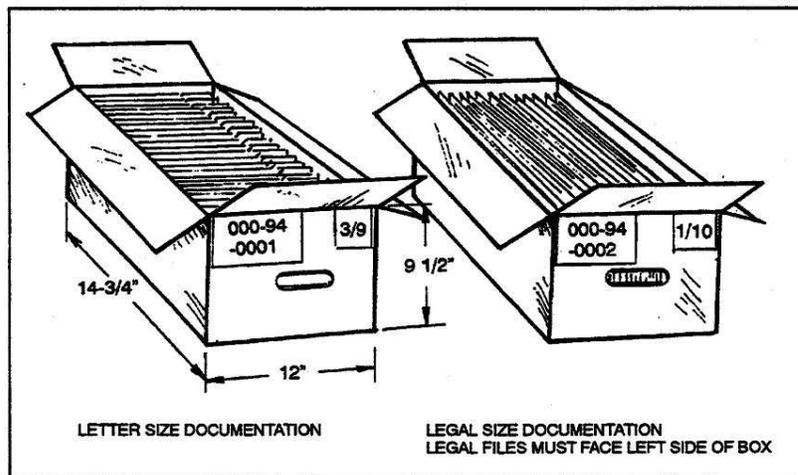


FIGURE 2 FILE PLACEMENT IN BOX AND LOCATION OF BOX IDENTIFICATION

**REQUISITION/PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT  
SUPPLIES OR SERVICES (Instructions on reverse)**

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES

2. REQUISITION/PROCUREMENT REQUEST NO.	3. ACT NUMBER	4. DATE PREPARED	5. JOB/PROJECT NUMBER
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6. TO (Stockroom/Contracting office, Name and Location)	7. FROM (Requisitioning office, Name, Symbol, Location and Telephone Number)
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8. FOR INFORMATION CALL (Name and Telephone Number)	9. RECEIVING OFFICE (Name, Symbol and Telephone Number)
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10. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION				11. SHIP TO (Address, ZIP Code and Telephone Number)
FUND	ORG. CODE	B/A CODE	O/C CODE	
FUNC CODE	C/E CODE	PROJ/PROS. NO.	CC-A	
W/ITEM	CC-B	PRT/CRFT	12. CONTRACT NUMBER	

ITEM NO. FORM OR STOCK NUMBER (13)	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES OR SERVICES (14)	QUANTITY (15)	UNIT OF ISSUE (16)	UNIT PRICE (17)	AMOUNT (18)

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, USE GSA FORM 49A, REQUISITION/PROCUREMENT REQUEST	19. TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDING CONTINUATION
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20a. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF FUND CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	21a. TYPED NAME OF REQUISITIONER
20b. SIGNATURE	21b. SIGNATURE
DATE	DATE
22. LIST ATTACHMENTS	23a. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
	23b. SIGNATURE
	DATE
	24. SHIPPED BY
	<input type="checkbox"/> FREIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> PARCEL POST <input type="checkbox"/> EXPRESS <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL
	25. FILLED BY
	26. PACKED BY
	27. CHECKED BY
	28. BILL OF LADING NUMBER
	29. DATE SHIPPED

**Equipment Inventory**

USDA, AMS, S&T, Monitoring Programs Division

Lab or State	Item Description	Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number	Location*	Unique Internal Lab ID	Acquisition Cost	Approval Date	Purchase Date	Purchase Ref	Surplus**	% of MDP/PDP Funds Used for Purchase	Remarks***
WA1	LC/MS/MS	Micromass	Quattro Premier	VAA 045	Rm 225	Waters #1	\$300,000.00	1/1/2004	6/1/2004	041846	FALSE	65% USDA	

\*Specific location within the laboratory (e.g., room number, GC section, etc.)

\*\*Enter "True" if the equipment is designated as surplus, and "False" if the equipment is still active.

\*\*\*Enter any additional comments concerning the item (e.g., more detailed description, asset number, etc.)

# REPORT OF UNSERVICEABLE, LOST, STOLEN DAMAGED OR DESTROYED PROPERTY

PROPERTY REPORT NO.

DATE

## SECTION I - ACCOUNTABLE PROPERTY OFFICER'S REPORT

**1. STATUS OF PROPERTY** (Check only one-report each one type separately)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unserviceable | <input type="checkbox"/> Lost or Stolen         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obsolete      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannibalized for parts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged       | <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed              |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Others                 |

**2. REPORTING ACTIVITY** (Show agency, unit and address)

**3. PROPERTY ITEMS** (See attachment for additional entries)

QUANTITY (Or property no.) A	ITEM DESCRIPTION AND OTHER DETAILS, INCLUDING SERIAL NUMBERS AND ACQUISITION DATE (Give present condition and estimated cost of repair) B	ACQUISITION COST C	EXPLANATION/DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS (If lost, stolen, or destroyed, give detail. Was this reported to proper authorities?) D

**4. NAME IN PRINT AND SIGNATURE  
OF CUSTODIAN**

**DATE**

**5. NAME IN PRINT AND SIGNATURE  
OF ACCOUNTABLE PROPERTY OFFICER**

**DATE**

## SECTION II - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICER'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

### DETERMINATION FOR LOST, STOLEN, DAMAGED, OR DESTROYED PROPERTY

1. After due consideration of all known facts and circumstances in this case, it is determined that:

- a. The loss, theft, damage or destruction did not result from employee negligence and any involved employees are hereby relieved of liability.
- b. There appears to be gross negligence involved; therefore, the case returned to agency officials for appropriate action under the Debt Collection Act.
- c. There appears to be negligence involved; therefore, the case is returned to agency personnel officials for consideration of disciplinary action.

2. NAME IN PRINT AND SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

3. DATE

## SECTION III - AUTHORIZATION FOR CANNIBALIZATION, ABANDONMENT, OR DESTRUCTION OF UNSERVICEABLE PROPERTY

1. Unserviceable property listed above is hereby authorized for cannibalization, abandonment, or destruction in accordance with FPMR 101-45.9 based on any of the following determinations as further explained in section I-3(D):

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a. Property has no commercial value.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> b. Health, safety, or security considerations require immediate abandonment or destruction.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> c. Costs of care and handling exceed expected small lot sales proceeds.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> d. Regulation or directive requires abandonment or destruction.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> e. Property is uneconomical to repair/not needed by another user and may be cannibalized for parts. (Cannibalization is a form of use and property management regulations shall apply. Remainder of property must be disposed of through usual procedures.)</li> </ul> |
|---|--|

2. SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

3. DATE

## SECTION IV - CERTIFICATION FOR COMPLETION OF CANNIBALIZATION, ABANDONMENT, OR DESTRUCTION: I certify that cannibalization, abandonment, or destruction action for the items authorized under Section III was completed on this date in accordance with I-3(D).

1. SIGNATURE OF ACCOUNTABLE PROPERTY OFFICER

2. DATE

3. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

4. DATE

## SECTION V - CERTIFICATIONS OF PROPERTY AND FISCAL OFFICERS

1. SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICER (The necessary entries have been made to adjust property records.)

2. DATE

3. SIGNATURE OF FISCAL OFFICER [The necessary action has been taken to adjust the accounting records and, where required by a determination made under Section II above, to effect collection from involved employee(s).]

4. DATE

United States Department of Agriculture

**REPORT OF TRANSFER OR OTHER DISPOSITION OR CONSTRUCTION OF PROPERTY**

Report No.

Date

1. Type of Transaction *(Report Each Type Separately)*

- Transfer     Sale     Trade In     Donation  
 Construction     Temporary Loan Record

2. Authorization Reference

3. Proceeds Received

\$

4. Reporting Agency

**USDA, MPD**

5. Receiving Agency *(Or Name of Purchaser or Donee)*

A. Organizational Unit

A. Organizational Unit *(Or Address of Purchaser)*

B. Location

B. Location

C. Signature

C. Signature

D. Title

D. Title

E. Date

6. Property Items

Quantity <i>(Or Property No.)</i>	Item Description <i>(Give Full Details Including Serial Number, If Any, and Condition Code)</i>	Inventory Value

**Certification of Property and Fiscal Officers**

7. Property Officer: This transaction is completed and the necessary entries have been made to adjust the Property Records. Proceeds, if any, are to be deposited to:

8. Fiscal Officer

- A.  The sum indicated below has been received in payment for the property disposed of.  
 B.  The necessary entries have been made to adjust accounting records.

Amount (\$)

Schedule No.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date