

Incident / Corrective Action Plan Form Specimen Freezer #1

Incident/Corrective Action Number: 2024-01

Date of Discovery: January 26, 2024

Incident Date(s): Unknown. The last temperature check was the week prior on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. The incident was resolved Friday, January 26, 2024.

Section: Toxicology

Reported By: Laboratory Director

Classification: Incident

Incident Type: Equipment

Description of Non-Conformity: During the weekly temperate check, the Laboratory Director noticed that Specimen Freezer #1 temperature was beyond the acceptable range. The check occurred on January 26, 2024. There was a power outage on January 24, 2024. It is suspected that the power outage may have caused the issue. The unit was unplugged and plugged into a different outlet with no resolution of the issue. All evidence was removed from the freezer and transferred to Specimen Freezer #2. Specimen Freezer #1 has been removed from service until repair or replacement is made.

Root Cause Analysis: The freezer was an older piece of equipment and did not have any additional surge protection from power outages. It was also at the end of its life.

Level of Non-Conformity: N/A

Level of Non-Conformity Determination and its Impact on Casework: This incident has no bearing on casework owing to the fact that evidence related to a case stored in any specimen freezer has already been analyzed.

Preventive Action(s): Available Dickson temperature monitors were installed on select units.

Proposed Corrective Action(s): N/A

Timeframe for Corrective Action(s): N/A

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