

The FBI Director has issued revisions to the *Quality Assurance Standards for DNA Databasing Laboratories*. These minor revisions will provide states with additional flexibility in data processing, analysis and technical review.

The Scientific Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods (SWGDM) is drafting revisions to the QAS Audit Documents. Once these revisions are reviewed and approved they will be distributed to the DNA community.

All revisions will take effect September 1, 2011.

To assist in your review, revisions to the *Quality Assurance Standards for DNA Databasing Laboratories* have been made to the following sections:

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Definitions	Analyst (addition of words ‘or contract employee’)
Definitions	Contract Employee (NEW)
Definitions	Laboratory Support Personnel (addition of words ‘or contract employees’)
Definitions	On-Site Visit (additional detail on who can perform on-site visit)
Definitions	Outsourcing (added “when applicable” to mirror Forensic QAS)
Definitions	Technical Reviewer (addition of words ‘or contract employee’)
Definitions	Technician (addition of words ‘or contract employee’)
Standard	5.2.3.2.7 (NEW)
Standard	5.4 (addition of words ‘or contract employee’)
Standard	5.5, 5.5.1, 5.5.2 and 5.5.3 (NEW)
Standard	5.6 and 5.7 (renumbered)
Standard	10.2.1.4 and 10.4.1.4 (added comma)
Standard	15.1 and 15.2 (clarifies qualifications of audit team)
Standard	17.3 (deleted words ‘or to search in’)
Standard	17.4.3, 17.4.3.2 and 17.4.3.3.1 (Clarification that an on-site visit is not required when only technical review services are being provided and to allow a technical leader to accept an on-site visit conducted by a qualified analyst from an NDIS participating laboratory or designated FBI personnel)
Standard	17.6 and 17.7(NEW)
Standard	17.7.1 (clarification of technical review elements)
Standard	17.7.2 (reference to “an” NDIS participating laboratory)