

The FBI Director has issued revisions to the *Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing 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 conforming revisions to the *Quality Assurance Standards for DNA Databasing Laboratories* and the QAS Audit Documents. Once these revisions are reviewed and approved by the FBI Director, 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 Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories* have been made to the following sections:

Effective Date: September 1, 2011

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	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	9.5.2 (clarifies that amplification concurrently in the same instrument)
Standard	15.1, 15.2 (adds qualifications of audit team)
Standard	17.3 (deleted words ‘or search in’)
Standard	17.5 (NEW)
Standard	17.6 (deleted words ‘or search in’ and added “or reporting of search results”)
Standard	17, 17.7.1.1 and 17.7.2.1 (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 designated FBI personnel)