



December 22, 2023

Dr. Tim Southern
South Dakota Public Health Laboratory
615 East 4th Street
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Dear Director Dr. Southern,

Congratulations! On December 21, 2023, ANAB granted your organization's accreditation in the Field of Forensic Testing. This decision was based upon the documentation provided in the assessment report and in accordance with the recommendation of the Team Leader. ANAB is satisfied that your organization has met or exceeded the accreditation requirements and requirements of your own documented management system.

Accredited forensic service providers are expected to maintain the standards which were required to achieve accreditation and conform to [ANAB Terms and Conditions for Accreditation](#). The principal means used to monitor ongoing conformance include surveillance activities, proficiency testing reports submitted by approved test providers, and disclosure of significant events and nonconformities. The results of these monitoring activities will be considered when confirming the continuation of accreditation between assessments.

The planned surveillance activity and reassessment schedule is listed below:

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| • November 2024 | Surveillance Assessment |
| • November 2025 | Surveillance Assessment |
| • November 2026 | Surveillance Document Review |
| • November 2027 | Reassessment |

The provided ANAB accreditation symbol ([Testing](#)) may be used to convey your accredited status. An accreditation symbol must not be used in any way which implies accreditation in any area outside of the scope of accreditation. If appropriate, the accreditation symbol may be used on your organization's website, reports, letterhead, business cards, and other official documents. Please refer to [PR 1018 Policy on Use of ANAB Accreditation Symbols and Claims of Accreditation Status](#) for all required information. This policy also provides information on your ability to use a combined mark that contains the ANAB accreditation symbol and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) mark.

The report and an electronic version of accreditation documents are included with this letter.

Achieving accreditation is the result of an extensive commitment of resources and much preparation by the management and personnel of the entire organization. I commend the efforts of all who were

involved in this achievement. On behalf of ANAB, I extend my sincere congratulations to you. If you have any questions or if ANAB might assist you in any way, please feel free to get in touch with us at qualitymatters@anab.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nita J. Bolz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nita" being the most prominent.

Nita J. Bolz
Senior Manager of Accreditation
ANSI National Accreditation Board

cc: Carmen McIntire, Quality Manager
ANAB Office