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NOTICE REGARDING DUI/DUID KITS

To: All Law Enforcement Agencies

From: Linda C. Jackson, Director 

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RE: Impact of Short Supply of Blood Specimen Collection Tubes for DUI/DUID Kits

As has been reported by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States is experiencing significant interruptions in the supply of blood specimen collection tubes. Due to these supply chain challenges, the Department of Forensic Science (DFS) is having difficulty securing a regular supply of its DUI/DUID kits. These kits are used to collect blood samples from individuals believed to be impaired and under the influence of alcohol and/or drug(s). DFS is working with its vendor to maintain a reduced supply of DUI/DUID kits given these circumstances. DFS has had to restrict the number of kits it regularly distributes to law enforcement agencies in light of this shortage.

Law enforcement agencies are asked to inventory their supply of DUI/DUID kits and closely monitor their distribution to officers to ensure that all unexpired kits in their inventory are utilized.

DFS recognizes the concerns of its customers, and it will make every effort to secure a regular supply of DUI/DUID kits. We wanted to make our customers aware of the shortage so that all DUI/DUID kits currently in circulation are appropriately utilized. Unfortunately, we do not anticipate that this issue will be resolved quickly. We will notify our customers of any additional updates as they become available.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Evidence Receiving Supervisor at the DFS Laboratory that provides services to your agency:

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