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Dear Technical Supervisors,

No Intoxilyzer 5000-68 should be used for evidential breath alcohol testing after January 2010. Unless another instrument is approved, the only evidential breath alcohol testing instrument that should be used for evidential breath alcohol testing after January 2010 is the Intoxilyzer 5000-68 EN.

The Intoxilyzer 5000-68s are being removed from service because some of its electronic components are no longer in production; however, we currently have enough components on-hand to maintain the instruments through January 2010. Additionally, the instrument's programmable memory is full; if a breath alcohol testing program change or appeals court decision requires an instrument software change, the Intoxilyzer 5000-68s will not be able to accommodate the change.

Sincerely,

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