
ABA/USACE LAB CERTIFICATION MEMORANDUM 2020-1: POLICY ON PREPARATION & DISTRIBUTION OF FALSE TEST DOCUMENTS

To: ABA/USACE Certified labs
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Subject: USACE/ABA Policy on Preparation & Distribution of False Test Documents

This serves as NOTICE to all Labs which are USACE-Certified through the ABA/USACE Lab Certification Team process.

ANY future case of FRAUDULENTLY-PREPARED Lab Test forms, by USACE-Certified Labs, will be grounds for them to IMMEDIATELY be listed on the ABA LCT Website as being on PROBATION Status. The Probation status could remain on the Website for the remainder of the Lab's current certification period. Multiple violations of this policy will result in Suspension of Certification for at least the current Certification Period.

Following are examples of acts or omissions which USACE and/or ABA define as FRAUDULENTLY-PREPARED Lab Test forms (other actions may also be defined as fraud, but are not listed below):

- Lack of Lab's Company stamp at the bottom of each Test Form, with signature of Lab Manager
- Lack of printed name of Technician who performed the Test related to that form
- Lack of signature of Technician who performed the Test related to that form
- Evidence of cutting and pasting portions of other Test Forms, to the Test form being evaluated.

To be clear, neither USACE nor ABA recognizes any Partnership or Joint Venture of multiple Labs as a justification for sharing of Lab Company Stamps or use of the same employees between Labs.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence. We commend each of the Lab Managers for the significant improvements in quality of Administrative and Technical management of your companies. We look forward to our continued professional relationships and your successes in business.

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