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Via e-mail to brady.mills@dps.texas.gov

Mr. Brady Mills, Chief
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Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission (“Commission”) Self- Disclosure No. 21.47; Texas Department of Public Safety – El Paso (“DPS”) (Forensic Biology/DNA)

Dear Mr. Mills,

At its October 22, 2021 quarterly meeting, the Commission reviewed the referenced self-disclosure. The Commission recommends that DPS provide additional (or refresher) training for evidence technicians concerning general evidence handling and storage principles, including appropriate temperature control ranges where applicable. As an additional strategy for mitigating risk, the Commission recommends the laboratory set a clear expectation that all employees with evidence handling responsibilities alert a supervisor when evidence storage red flags may be present.

Assuming DPS agrees with these suggestions, no further action is necessary regarding the self-disclosure. Should the laboratory identify any material changes to the information provided in connection with this disclosure, please notify the Commission as soon as possible. Thank you and please feel free to contact commission staff with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
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Associate General Counsel

cc: Heather Greco