

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory  
Change in Instrument Status Form

Version: 6.0

Effective: 1/17/2024

Date: 8/27/2024

Instrument #: 100395

Instrument Location: AST/Aniak

Supervisor Name and Agency: Derek Walton – SCDL working with Jacob Ianacone – AST/Aniak

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

Instrument was administratively removed from service as of 04/21/2024 (see 100395 2024.04.21 Change in Status, completed 06/20/2024) due primarily to lack of VOCs and subject tests to demonstrate the instrument performance. On 08/23/2024, Jacob Ianacone provided the electronic data from the instrument after assistance over the phone from Derek Walton. The electronic data files were reviewed – 3 VOCs were present dated 04/11/2024, 05/30/2024, and 07/18/2024. All VOCs met the acceptance criteria and were signed and notarized on 08/26/2024. The instrument is considered back in service as of 08/27/2024. Additionally, since all expected VOCs were present and met the acceptance criteria, all completed subject tests performed from 04/21/2024 until 08/27/2024 are considered valid. Trooper Ianacone is on the roster for the Breath Test Supervisor course in October 2024.

If instrument was placed in service or removed from service, fill out the appropriate sections below.

In Service Date/Time: 08/27/2024

Out of Service Date/Time: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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**Additional Notes**

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## Walton, Derek J (DPS)

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**From:** Walton, Derek J (DPS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024 11:56 AM  
**To:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS)  
**Subject:** RE: Breath Test Supervisor Certification

We're still not having any luck getting communication. Please have the utility check the functioning of the analog modem line connected to the DataMaster.

The good news is that the VOCs look solid so we'll return the instrument to service effective today, 8/27. I'll complete a form to document this.

As I mentioned previously, the next VOC day is on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll need to get downloaded files from you again shortly after that if the modem line issue has not been resolved by then. If the utility checks the line and finds it to be working, we will probably provide you a replacement instrument.

It seems to me that the easiest way to handle this would be for you to bring the current instrument back with you at the time of the class and travel back with the new one. If, for some reason, this will not work, please let me know and we'll ship one out there.

*Derek J Walton*

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**From:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS) <jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 10:37 AM  
**To:** Walton, Derek J (DPS) <derek.walton@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Breath Test Supervisor Certification

Yes, I did.

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**From:** Walton, Derek J (DPS) <derek.walton@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 9:17:39 AM  
**To:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS) <jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Breath Test Supervisor Certification

Hey Jake,  
Were you able to restart the DataMaster on Friday?

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**From:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS) <[jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov](mailto:jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2024 2:43 PM  
**To:** Walton, Derek J (DPS) <[derek.walton@alaska.gov](mailto:derek.walton@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Breath Test Supervisor Certification

I'll do that when I get back to the office.

-Jake

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**From:** Walton, Derek J (DPS) <[derek.walton@alaska.gov](mailto:derek.walton@alaska.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2024 1:39:27 PM  
**To:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS) <[jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov](mailto:jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Breath Test Supervisor Certification

Thank you! I forgot to ask you to restart the DataMaster please. This may cause the modem line to work correctly.

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**From:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS) <[jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov](mailto:jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2024 1:03 PM  
**To:** Walton, Derek J (DPS) <[derek.walton@alaska.gov](mailto:derek.walton@alaska.gov)>  
**Cc:** O'Bryant, Colleen S (DPS) <[colleen.obryant@alaska.gov](mailto:colleen.obryant@alaska.gov)>; Glaister, Carlie K (DPS) <[carlie.glaister@alaska.gov](mailto:carlie.glaister@alaska.gov)>; Swisher, Kaija L (DPS) <[kaija.swisher@alaska.gov](mailto:kaija.swisher@alaska.gov)>; Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS) <[paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov](mailto:paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Breath Test Supervisor Certification

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**From:** Walton, Derek J (DPS) <[derek.walton@alaska.gov](mailto:derek.walton@alaska.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2024 10:54 AM  
**To:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS) <[jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov](mailto:jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov)>  
**Cc:** O'Bryant, Colleen S (DPS) <[colleen.obryant@alaska.gov](mailto:colleen.obryant@alaska.gov)>; Glaister, Carlie K (DPS) <[carlie.glaister@alaska.gov](mailto:carlie.glaister@alaska.gov)>; Swisher, Kaija L (DPS) <[kaija.swisher@alaska.gov](mailto:kaija.swisher@alaska.gov)>; Catacutan, Paulyne C (DPS) <[paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov](mailto:paulyne.catacutan@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Breath Test Supervisor Certification

Hello Trooper Ianacone,

I attempted to call the instrument just now and it's not going through. The computer system at the lab calls every instrument in the field every day, not only VOC days. Will you please verify the phone number for the analog modem line attached to the instrument?

If the phone line thing does not work, we need to get the data from the instrument ASAP. One of the lab staff can walk you through this on the phone and the entire process takes less than 10 minutes. The only thing you would need is a USB flash drive (preferably an old one like from the junk drawer).

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**To:** Walton, Derek J (DPS) <[derek.walton@alaska.gov](mailto:derek.walton@alaska.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Breath Test Supervisor Certification

Good morning,

Since that September 5 date is just around the corner and our network issues have finally been resolved, can we see if the data transfer can occur the regular way on that day? If it doesn't work that day, then I can pack it up and get it sent back to you.

Is that an okay plan? Thanks!

-Jake

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**To:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS) <[jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov](mailto:jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Breath Test Supervisor Certification  
**Importance:** High

Hello Trooper Ianacone,

The lab considers the DataMaster in Aniak to be currently out of service because we have not been able to obtain testing data from it for several months (i.e., we can't prove it's working correctly). Please do not use the instrument for breath testing as of right now. It sounds like Fowler and Viernes are no longer physically in Aniak and we had not been able to receive the required data from them.

There are 2 options at this point:

1. Send the instrument back to us
  - My opinion is that this is the preferred option. This will allow us to get the data off and ensure that the modem is functioning correctly. Even if the modem is functioning correctly, if there is an issue with the modem line (like it sounds like there is), that will prevent the instrument from communicating with the lab.
2. Send us the data from the instrument by exporting to a flash drive
  - In this instance, we may be able to put the instrument back into service (not guaranteed). We will only be able to test the modem connection if your telecommunications issues in Aniak get resolved.
  - If the data indicates a performance issue with the instrument, we'll still have to get the instrument back like Option 1.

At this point, I would say this decision is up to you given that you are physically there. Please let me know what you decide. The next VOC day (when we will ask for data from the instrument) is September 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Derek J Walton*

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**From:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS) <[jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov](mailto:jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 8:04 PM  
**To:** Walton, Derek J (DPS) <[derek.walton@alaska.gov](mailto:derek.walton@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Breath Test Supervisor Certification

The network connection here in Aniak has been down for a few weeks now. The phone lines work, but we are limited to using Starlink for internet connection. We haven't even been able to print or scan or upload our bodycams. I am in the process of working with IT to remedy this and I am being a bug in their ear daily at this point. Hopefully we will be back up and going shortly. If there is anything I can do to expedite this process, please let me know and I will do whatever I can.

Thanks!

-Jake

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**From:** Walton, Derek J (DPS) <[derek.walton@alaska.gov](mailto:derek.walton@alaska.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 4:04 PM  
**To:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS) <[jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov](mailto:jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Breath Test Supervisor Certification

Hello Trooper Ianacone,

I've added your name to the roster and you've got the correct dates.

We've been having issues getting support for the DataMaster in Aniak. The last I had heard from Viernes and Fowler, they were going to have the phone company look at the modem line that's attached to it. Do you know if the phone company has had a chance to look at it yet?

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**From:** Ianacone, Jacob R (DPS) <[jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov](mailto:jacob.ianacone@alaska.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:26 AM  
**To:** Walton, Derek J (DPS) <[derek.walton@alaska.gov](mailto:derek.walton@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Breath Test Supervisor Certification

Good morning,

I just wanted to let you know that I was approved by my command to attend the Breath Test Supervisor Training this October 8-10. Please let me know if there is anything that needs to be done from my end. Thank you.

Respectfully,

**Jake Ianacone**  
**Alaska State Trooper**  
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