



FIRST RESPONDER/HAZMAT FIELD TESTING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES

Directions: Request authorization to submit an environmental sample to the MS Public Health Laboratory, by calling 601-576-7400 (24/7) and requesting to speak with the Lab Terrorism Coordinator. At least one hour before arrival to the laboratory, call the Terrorism Coordinator cell phone (601-826-5480) to coordinate arrival time, sample receipt and your entry to the laboratory. Deliver the specimen(s) to the Routine Sample Delivery Door on the north end of the Thompson Building. From I-55, go west on Woodrow Wilson past North State Street. Turn right into the 2nd MSDH entrance off of Woodrow Wilson Drive. If delivering specimens after hours, call the Terrorism Coordinator (601-826-5480) for the gate to be opened. Submit this form with sample(s).

Form with fields for Date of Collection, Date of Delivery, Specimen type (Powder, Liquid, Other material(s)), Original Location of Specimen, Person who collected sample (Name, Organization, Address, Phone #), Person delivering sample (Name, Organization, Address, Phone #), and Specimen results will be reported to (Name, Organization, Address, Phone #).

Types of Testing Done in the Field:

- Types of testing categories: Radiological Testing, Explosives, Chemical, Nerve Agent, Biological. Each category includes sub-options for Equipment Used and Result, followed by signature and date lines.

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Instructions**

PURPOSE

To ensure that samples are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory in a manner that promotes safety for laboratory and other agency staff and preserves legal chain of custody.

INSTRUCTIONS

Completely fill in each blank in the box at the top of the form.

- Date of Collection
- Specimen Type: Check appropriate box; if Other list specimen type
- Date of Delivery to the laboratory
- Original location of specimen: This can be an address, name of building or place
- Person who collected sample: name, address, organization (employer), and phone number
- Person delivering sample: name, address, organization (employer), and phone number
- Specimen results reported to: name, address, organization (employer), and phone number

Types of testing done:

- For radiological testing list type of equipment used and result;
- For explosives, chemicals, nerve agents and biological testing list type of testing performed and results

OFFICE MECHANICS AND FILING

The completed form will be filed by the Public Health Laboratory as part of the testing record.

RETENTION PERIOD

Completed forms will be filed with clinical sample evidentiary work packets as specified in current laboratory policy.