



Quality Division Use Only

Quality Tracking # 2022-PAR2 Date Quality Division Notified: 2/18/2022

Division: Comparative & Analytical Division Section: Seized Drugs

Identified Through: Other

If other, state source: Unplanned power outage

Description of Original Process:
Due to an unplanned power outage to the laboratory that occurred on 12/23/2021, all instrumentation in the Seized Drugs section was powered off. All instrumentation was also unplugged to prevent damage to the instruments with the restoration of power. Once power was restored, the instruments were plugged back into available outlets, and the normal start-up procedures were followed. During the startup, three of the GCMS instruments located in the instrument room lost power. This was traced back to an overloaded breaker. The reason for this overload was because the instrumentation was not plugged back into the correct electrical sockets. At that time, the section was unaware that the GCMS instrumentation needed to be plugged into designated sockets.

Description of Improved Process:
In order to prevent this from re-occurring, the outlets and sockets for all GCMS instruments were labeled with the instrument ID and color-coded along with the corresponding electrical outlets. This labeling system will allow for the section to visually verify that each GCMS instrument is connected to the appropriate electrical socket if another situation requires the need to unplug instrumentation.

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Date: 3/3/2022

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Date: 3/3/2022

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Date: 3/10/2022

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Date Closed: 3/11/2022