



October 15, 2018

Peter Stout
Houston Forensic Science Center
1301 Fannin Street, Suite 170
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Director Stout:

On October 8, 2018, ANAB renewed the accreditation of the Houston Forensic Science Center in the Field of Forensic Science Testing. This decision was based upon the documentation provided in the assessment report and in accordance with the recommendation of Lead Assessor Michael Healy. ANAB is satisfied that your organization has met or exceeded the accreditation requirements set forth in ISO/IEC 17025:2005, the ANAB ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Forensic Science Testing Accreditation Requirements: 2017 and your own documented management system.

An accreditation certificate and a separate scope of accreditation document are being provided in both printed and electronic versions. Printed versions will be sent via a common carrier. Electronic versions are attached to this communication.

Accredited forensic service providers are expected to maintain the high standards which were required to achieve accreditation. The principal means used to monitor ongoing conformance include surveillance activities, external proficiency testing reports submitted by approved test providers, and disclosure of significant events and nonconformities. The results of these monitoring activities will be considered when confirming the continuation of accreditation between assessments.

The surveillance activity and reassessment schedule for the Houston Forensic Science Center is listed below. These activities will be invoiced as they occur. During the fourth quarter of each calendar year, annual accreditation fees will be invoiced for the next calendar year.

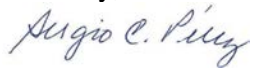
- July 2019 Off-site surveillance
- July 2020 On-site surveillance
- July 2021 Off-site surveillance
- July 2022 Reassessment

In addition to maintaining conformance with accreditation standards, please read and ensure ongoing compliance with the list of obligations found in the [Accreditation Manual for Forensic Service Providers \(MA 3033\)](#).

As an accredited forensic service provider, you may use the applicable accreditation symbol to inform interested parties of your accredited status. An accreditation symbol must not be used in any way which implies accreditation in any area outside of the scope of accreditation. If appropriate, the accreditation symbol may be used on your organization's website, a report, letterhead, business cards, and other official documents.

Accreditation is granted only after a thorough evaluation of an organization's management system and technical procedures and practices. Accreditation is the result of an extensive commitment of resources and much preparation by the management and personnel of the entire program. I commend the efforts of all employees involved in this achievement. On behalf of ANAB, I extend my sincere congratulations to you. If you have any questions or if ANAB might assist you in any way, please feel free to get in touch with us at qualitymatters@anab.org.

Sincerely,



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