



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

*Justice Through Science*

1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445  
Austin, Texas 78701

August 9, 2021

Ms. Erika Ziemak  
Houston Forensic Science Center  
500 Jefferson Street  
Houston, Texas 77002

RE: Application for Continuation of Texas Forensic Science Commission Accreditation under Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651.

Dear Ms. Ziemak:

With some exceptions, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 38.35, requires Texas Forensic Science Commission (“FSC”) accreditation as a predicate to the admission of the forensic analysis of physical evidence and expert testimony relating to the evidence in a criminal case.

As the designee of the Texas Forensic Science Commission Presiding Officer, I have considered your application for continuation and grant full FSC Accreditation to the Houston Forensic Science Center for the following forensic disciplines:

<b>Forensic Discipline</b>	<b>Category of Analysis</b>
Forensic Biology	DNA Profile Determination (STR) Individual Characteristic Database (DNA Profile) Physical Comparison (DNA Profile) Qualitative Determination (Body Fluid Epithelial Cell)
Firearms/Toolmarks	Function Evaluation (Air Gun; Firearm) Individual Characteristic Database (Ammunition) Physical Comparison (Ammunition) Qualitative Determination (Ammunition; Firearm)
Seized Drugs	Qualitative Determination (Botanical; Liquid; Solid) Weight Measurement (Botanical; Liquid; Solid)
Toxicology	Qualitative Determination (Ante-Mortem Biological Item)

	Qualitative Determination (Volatiles) (Ante-Mortem Biological Item Liquid) Quantitative Measurement (Ante-Mortem Biological Item) Quantitative Measurement (Volatiles) (Ante-Mortem Biological Item Liquid)
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The term of ANAB accreditation is **10/08/2018 to 11/30/2022**, unless ANAB extends its accreditation as part of a routine renewal process. The term of FSC accreditation is from **10/08/2018** until such time that the accreditation from ANAB is no longer current.

FSC accreditation is contingent upon compliance with Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651, including requirements of reporting correspondence, reports or communication between the laboratory and the accrediting body. FSC accreditation will be automatically rescinded at the same date and time as ANAB withdraws your laboratory accreditation.

Sincerely,



Leigh M. Tomlin  
FSC Accreditation Program Administrator