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RE: FOIA Request No. 2009-11103

Dear Mr. Hurst:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request for (1) all records dated between April 1, 2008, and the present, which re-authorize the use of ion spectrometry equipment at any BOP correctional facility; and (2) all records regarding manufacturer hardware and/or software updates to any ion spectrometry devices re-authorized for use by any BOP agent since April 2008.

In response to your request, five (5) pages were forwarded to this office for a release determination. After careful review, we have determined all five (5) pages can be released in their entirety.

We trust this has been responsive to your request. If you have any further inquiries, please contact the undersigned at the address above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ana L. Velilla-Arce", is written over the typed name.

Ana L. Velilla-Arce,
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Chief, FOIA/PA Section

Enclosures: 5 pages



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April 10, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

FROM:

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Thomas R. Kane
THOMAS R. KANE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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SUBJECT: Suspension of Use of Ion Spectrometry Equipment

This memorandum is to advise you that you are to immediately suspend all use of any ion spectrometry drug detection equipment. The software for these machines requires correction, and we have contacted the manufacturers to ensure they make the necessary modifications. After the problems associated with these machines are resolved, we will notify you regarding bringing the equipment back online.

Any visitor whose visiting privileges are currently suspended as a result of the use of ion spectrometry drug detection equipment may request the Warden consider reinstatement of visiting privileges. In addition, inmates can make requests to unit staff to have such a visitor considered for reinstatement of visiting privileges. Inmates are to be advised through normal staff-to-inmate communications channels (such as, town hall meetings) that they can make such a request.

Appropriate staff will review each request from an inmate or a visitor and make a written recommendation to the Warden as to whether privileges should be reinstated. Reinstatement of visiting privileges should not occur in those instances where the basis of the suspension was not due to the use of ion spectrometry drug detection equipment (e.g., the suspension is based on inappropriate behavior in the visiting room).

In addition, ion spectrometry drug detection equipment may not be used to test for the presence of illegal substances on inmates, on inmates' personal belongings, in housing units, or in work areas.

Please maintain all ion spectrometry drug detection equipment and all relevant documentation until further notice.

We have attached talking points for use by staff in addressing questions from inmates and visitors and for posting as a notice to inmates.

Attachment

Ion Spectrometry Drug Detection Equipment

We have discovered that our ion spectrometry drug detection equipment has software problems.

The Office of Security Technology (OST) has notified the manufacturers of these problems and they are working on corrective action.

The Bureau of Prisons is suspending the use of ion spectrometry drug detection equipment until the problems are corrected by the manufacturers and the results are confirmed by OST.

Inmates can make a request to unit staff that the Warden consider reinstating a visitor's visiting privileges if the visitor is currently under suspension based solely on a positive test by ion spectrometry drug detection equipment.

Likewise, the suspended visitor can make a written request to the Warden to consider reinstating his or her visiting privileges if the visitor is currently under suspension based solely on a positive test by ion spectrometry drug detection equipment.

The Warden will designate specific staff to investigate and confirm whether the suspension currently in effect on a specific visitor was based on the use of ion spectrometry drug detection equipment and was not taken because of a violation of the institution's rules or practices.



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March 24, 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Ion Spectrometry Drug Detection Program

This memorandum updates you on the use of Ion Spectrometry (IMS) equipment within the BOP.

IMS equipment use was suspended on April 10, 2008. Since that time, the Office of Security Technology (OST) has conducted testing on both the GE Security Itemiser3 and Smiths Detection IonScan 400B equipment using pharmaceuticals, hand sanitizers/lotions and illicit drugs.

As a result of this testing, the IMS program will be re-instated immediately under the following conditions:

IMS equipment is authorized for use on inmates ONLY, in accordance with Program Statement No. 5522.01, Ion Spectrometry Device Program (02/24/05), and this memorandum.

Either Smith's or GE Security IMS machines may be used to test inmate mail, inmate personal belongings, lockers, work areas, and the visiting room. IMS equipment is NOT authorized for testing inmates themselves (i.e., clothing, hands, shoes, etc.).

Both the Smiths Detection and GE Security equipment are to be used in the Narcotics mode to test for the main six drugs: Heroin, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Amphetamine, THC, and MDMA. Other substances can be added/removed based on

regional and/or institution drug trends, but only with the approval of the Central Office Ionscan Program Manager, and after analyzing positive hit information cross-referenced with inmate urinalysis data.

IMS equipment is NOT authorized for use on any visitors.

Institution supplements related to or referencing PS 5522.01 shall be updated to comply with this memorandum.

Please direct further questions and requests for assistance to the Office of Security Technology at 202-307-3191.