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4.7 Destruction of Evidence

If a request is made by the submitting agency to destroy evidence in lieu of returning it, the destruction shall be in accordance with Official Order 62 (Section 62.3).

The Laboratory Director or Safety Officer should be consulted for direction on appropriate disposal regarding any questionable material.

A written correspondence shall be required from the submitting agency for all evidence destruction requests. A hard copy of the correspondence shall be signed and dated by both the employee destroying the evidence and the witness observing the destruction.

The signed and dated correspondence shall be scanned into the case record.

4.7.1 Hazardous Waste

Forensic Science Division personnel shall not destroy any evidence classified as hazardous waste under any Federal, State, or Local Law. The responsibility for such materials rests with the agency holding jurisdiction and all such items shall be returned to that agency for proper disposal.

4.7.2 Biological Evidence

Destruction of biological evidence shall conform to Michigan Compiled Laws(MCL) Section 770.16.

4.7.3 Toxicology

The destruction of evidence within the Toxicology Unit is not subject to this policy and shall be in accordance with the unit's procedures manual.