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## 4.1 Incubators

### 4.1.1 Scope

To provide a stable controlled environment for the extraction of DNA from biological samples.

### 4.1.2 Background Information

See owner's manual for specific make and model used.

### 4.1.3 Operation

Refer to the manual to change the operating temperatures.

### 4.1.4 Maintenance

Temperature will be recorded daily (Monday through Friday, with State observed holidays as an exception) in the Main Temperature Log form (FS-72). This form will be maintained in the laboratory for review. An alternative must be in place when technical staff is unavailable to ensure daily recordings of temperatures. Alternative schedules may be approved by the unit supervisor, or designee.

It is recommended that the interior of the incubators be cleaned with an EPA registered sanitizer routinely.

If an incubator is out of range ( $37^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $56^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), it should be noted on the Main Temperature Log form. If the temperature is out of range on two successive days of recording, service should be requested and an alternative incubator identified until such time that the incubator can be repaired.