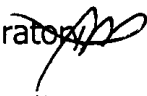


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# Tulare District HealthCare System

## Mineral King Laboratory

DATE : May 22, 2000  
TO : Dr. Gopal, Fresno County Coroner's Office  
FROM : Roger G. Peterson, Director, Mineral King Laboratory   
SUBJECT : Mercury Test Results with Stabilizing Tablet

We are presently using a collection container (60ml bottle) that has an anti-microbial substance, sodium fluoride in tablet form. The primary purpose for this tablet is alcohol stabilization. We have recently become aware that the tablet contains 0.36% Mercuric Oxide. This substance will yield positive mercury results at heavy metal testing. It is my strong recommendation that you disregard any mercury results that have been obtained from specimens that have been treated with the tablet that is in our current kits. We have ordered new collection kits that do not have the tablet in the bottles, but in an associated bag. They "the tablets" are for use where there will not be mercury testing ordered.

Thank you so very much for your patience and help in this regard.