



**STATE OF OKLAHOMA
BOARD OF TESTS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG INFLUENCE**

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**ACTION NO. 07-03 BY THE STATE DIRECTOR
OF TESTS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG INFLUENCE**


Under authority of 47 O.S. Supp., 2003 Section 751-761 and OAC 40:1-1-3, promulgated by the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence, the following official **ACTION** is hereby taken by the State Director of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence.

**EFFECT OF EXPIRATION DATES APPEARING ON LABELS
OF STATE OF OKLAHOMA BLOOD SPECIMEN COLLECTION KITS**

The State Of Oklahoma Blood Specimen Collection Kits issued by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, approved by the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence all have a label showing a lot number and expiration date. The expiration date refers to the date sodium fluoride and potassium oxalate in the vacuum tubes expire under federal guidelines.

Pursuant to forensic science studies¹, the State Director of the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence finds: An expired date does not render the contents of the tubes, or any of the other contained components of such kits, improper or invalid for withdrawing, storing, shipping, or preserving blood. The results of the analysis of blood drawn utilizing a kit with an expired date shall be given the same effect as if the date were unexpired. Medical personnel authorized to draw blood for analysis for alcohol content may substitute vacuum tubes, provided by their employer medical facility, with appropriate quantities of sodium fluoride and potassium oxalate, if so stated in their own handwriting above their signature on the officer's affidavit.

This ACTION is effective February 16, 2007.


J. Robert Blakeburn
State Director of Tests

¹Comparison of Blood Ethanol concentrations In Samples Simultaneously Collected Into Expired And Unexpired Venipuncture Tubes, Zittel and Hardin, Journal of Analytical Toxicology, Vol.30, June 2006