STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING PACKAGES AND FREIGHT AT THE LOADING DOCK

As a consequence of the FDEP Laboratories' participation in the Environmental Response Laboratory Network and Mail Center restructuring, the FDEP Mail Center relocated across town to a centralized location. This modification resulted in a new site for most package deliveries, but some deliveries continue to be directed to the current FDEP Loading Dock at Building C. To accommodate this change in Mail Center location, the FDEP Laboratories assumed responsibility for receiving freight deliveries to the loading dock and notifying the Mail Center, Laboratory, and BMC staff of their arrival via the BMC/Lab Distribution List. This document is intended to define the responsibilities of the FDEP Laboratories staff as they relate to freight deliveries to the FDEP loading dock.

A FDEP Laboratories staff member will be available during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) to receive freight deliveries. Usually, someone from the Receiving Room (C201), located adjacent to the loading dock, will be on hand when freight is delivered. If not, the intercom mounted outside the door to C201 can be used by the driver to call a FDEP Laboratories staff member according to the instructions posted next to the phone.

1.0 LOCATION FOR DELIVERIES

Delivery of packages will be directed between the two locations as follows:

- Coolers containing samples sent to the laboratory for analysis and large boxes of laboratory supplies will continue to be delivered to the loading dock.
- Items shipped as freight (delivered by freight hauling companies) will continue to be delivered to the loading dock.
- Mixed FedEx or UPS deliveries with small packages and oversized containers will be received at the loading dock.
- FedEx and UPS Ground and Express deliveries with smaller packages and/or envelopes will be directed to the BMC security guard station.

2.0 PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING FREIGHT

2.1 Examine the Bill of Lading.

Before the driver unloads the containers check the bill of lading to see if "Inside Delivery" is noted. If so, call the recipient listed on the bill of lading. If there is no recipient listed or the recipient is not available, direct the driver to the Bob Martinez Center front entrance. **Never sign a bill of lading if "Inside Delivery" is noted**.

2.2 Count the Containers Received.
For containers that can be delivered to the loading dock, have the driver unload the items. Once the packages have been unloaded by the delivery driver, count them to make sure the number received matches the number listed on the bill of

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lading. **This step is very important**, as the Department will be billed based on the number of containers listed on the bill of lading regardless of how many are actually received.

2.2.1 If the number of packages identified on the bill of lading does not match the number received, document the actual number on both copies of the bill of lading and initial the change. Example: "Only 4 containers received."

2.2.2 If the bill of lading does not list the number of packages, write the number counted on both copies of the bill of lading (DEP copy and the driver's copy).

2.3 Check the Condition of the Containers.

Using reasonable judgment, check the containers for damage. If some or all of the containers are damaged (dented, crushed, wet etc.), document it on the bill of lading and initial the comment. Example: "2 of the 4 containers were received damaged (wet)."

2.4 Sign the Bill of Lading.

Sign and date the bill of lading in the appropriate area, and affix it to the package/item.

3.0 PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING OVERSIZED ITEMS via UPS AND FEDEX

3.1 After the containers have been removed from the truck, count all items. If the number on the driver's scanner does not match the number received, ask the driver to correct the number.

3.2 Check the packages for damage. If damage to any package appears sufficient to affect its contents, do not accept it and request that the driver remove the item from the scanner count.

3.3 Sign the electronic scanner.

4.0 NOTIFYING STAFF OF FREIGHT DELIVERIES

Notify the recipient ASAP

4.1 For Deliveries with a Bill of Lading (from a freight hauler)

4.1.1 Create an e-mail to send to the recipient and the number of packages that arrived for them, send the message.

4.1.2 Tape the bill of lading to the outside of the container and return the packing list to the pouch attached to the package.

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5.0 RECEVING FROZEN OR REFRIGERATED PACKAGES

The lab will receive packages from FedEx Express that require the contents to be frozen or refrigerated upon receipt.

5.1 Check the received packages for markings that indicate the packages must be frozen or refrigerated.

5.2 Packages that need to be frozen upon receipt will be placed in the Biology walk-in freezer located in B227. Packages that require refrigeration upon receipt will be placed in the sliding-door refrigerator or REF-10 located in C201.

5.3 Create an e-mail to send to the intended recipient as seen on the Bill of Landing. Use “Packages” as the subject and enter a message stating where the packages are located, and the total number of packages received.

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