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New SPADA Draft Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPR)

July 13, 2016: AOAC INTERNATIONAL (AOAC) announces the availability of draft standard method performance requirements (SMPRs) for:

- Detection of **Botulinum neurotoxins A1 and A2**
- DNA-based methods of detecting ***Burkholderia pseudomallei*** in field deployable, Department of Defense Aerosol Collection Devices
- DNA-based methods of detection ***Brucella suis*** in field-deployable, Department of Defense Aerosol Sollevction Devices
- Detection and Identification of ***Variola*** virus

These SMPRs represent the SPADA Working Groups' deliberations. In accordance with AOAC standard developing procedures, the draft document must be posted for an open public comment period.

Comment Process

The public comment period opens on **Wednesday, July 13, 2016** and closes **Friday, August 12, 2016**. Comments will be compiled and reviewed, and the documents may be revised, if necessary, based on comments received.

Comments **must** be submitted using the form provided. **Marked up documents will not be accepted.** If you have any questions about this, please contact Christopher Dent, Standards Development Coordinator, at cdent@aoac.org.

AOAC requests that the following guidelines be observed in providing comments:

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4. All comments are due on **August 12, 2016**. The AOAC editorial team will address all questions and reserves the right to not accept comments submitted after the deadline.

To provide comments to the draft Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPR):

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