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Subject
Employee Drug and Alcohol Use and Drug and Alcohol Testing
Originating Department
Office of Human Resources

Number

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Montgomery County Regulation on:
EMPLOYEE DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE AND

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING
Issued by: County Executive

Regulation No. 14-17

COMCOR No. 33.07.01

Supersedes: Executive Regulation 12-00AM, in part,

Executive Regulation 26-07, in part, and Executive Regulation 16-13, in part

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Summary:

This regulation amends Section 32 of the Personnel Regulations to incorporate changes for

safety-sensitive transit employees to ensure compliance with a Federal Transit Administration audit of the County's drug and alcohol program. The changes in this

regulation also reflect the requirements of the Maryland Transit Administration.

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Please use the key below when reading this regulation:

Boldface

Heading or defined term.

Underlining

Added to existing regulation by proposed regulation.

[Single boldface brackets]

Deleted from existing regulation by proposed regulation.

Existing language unchanged by executive regulation.

SECTION 32. EMPŁOYEE DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

- 32-5 Prevention of Prohibited Drug Use and Alcohol Misuse by Safety-Sensitive Transit Employees under Federal Transit Administration Regulations
 - (e) Drug and alcohol prohibitions.



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- (4) Refusal to submit to drug or alcohol testing.
 - (E) failing to arrive, or arrive in a timely manner, for a required test, except a preemployment test;
 - (H) in the case of a directly observed or monitored specimen collection for a drug test, failing to permit the observation or monitoring of the provision of a specimen, including failing to follow instructions from the observer to raise clothing above the waist, lower clothing and underpants, and to turn around to permit the observer to determine if any type of prosthetic or other device (that could be used to interfere with the collection process) is present;

Observed collections are required in the following circumstances:

- [(8) Anytime the employee admits to the collector or MRO that the employee adulterated or substituted the specimen.]
- (g) Types of drug and alcohol testing.

(1) Pre-employment and pre-assignment drug testing.



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- (A) An applicant for an FTA Safety-Sensitive position must produce a <u>verified</u> negative drug test result before employment.
- (B) An employee transferred or temporarily assigned to an FTA Safety-Sensitive position must produce a <u>verified</u> negative drug test result before performing safety-sensitive functions.
- (h) Retesting of employees; collecting a new specimen after a dilute test result.
 - (3) Collecting a new specimen from an applicant or employee after a dilute test result.
 - (A) If the MRO reports that an applicant or employee had a verified dilute positive test, the County must treat it as a positive test result.
 - [(B) If the MRO reports a dilute negative test result that requires collection of another specimen for testing, the County must immediately notify the applicant or employee of the need to collect another specimen and that it must be provided within no more than 48 hours from the time of notification. If the employee is on duty, the employee must be accompanied to the collection site immediately for collection of the second specimen. If the applicant or employee fails to report for specimen collection within 48 hours and has not provided a valid reason for the delay, the County must treat it as a refusal to test.]
 - [(C)](B) The MRO will direct whether the new specimen is to be collected under direct observation or not.



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-		[(D)] <u>(C</u>) After a dilute ne	egative	test res	ult, if a 1	new specimen is	collected for testing this	
	second test will be the test of record. If this second					f this second tes	t also produces a dilute		
	negative result, no additional tests will be conduc						be conducted.		
	(4)	Rando	om testing.						
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		(B)	The County mus	st ensu	ire that r	andom o	lrug and alcohol	I tests are unannounced and	
	that the dates for administering random tests are sp						n tests are sprea	d reasonably throughout the	
	entire calendar year. Random tests will be reason						l be reasonably	spread throughout the day,	
	week, and hours when safety sensitive function						functions are po	erformed.	
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