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कार्यालय ज्ञापन/OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Revised Guidelines for C14 Sample Submission & Data Usage: National Radiocarbon Dating Facility, BSIP

To ensure the technical integrity of QA/QC protocols and to streamline the complex administrative and international shipping logistics, the following guidelines are effective immediately. Non-compliance will result in the summary rejection of samples.

Mandatory Submission Windows: The facility will no longer accept samples on a rolling basis. To meet the batch requirement (60–80 samples + standards) for the AMS Radiocarbon Dating Laboratory (elsewhere) and to accommodate the 6–7-month administrative approval cycle, submissions are restricted to two windows for each FY:

Window 1: March 1st – March 31st

Window 2: September 1st – September 30th

Note: Samples received outside these windows will not be processed or stored; they will be returned at the sender's expense.

Processing and Timeline Transparency:

1. Users must acknowledge the following timeline before submission
2. Administrative Approval: ~1 month (Directorate/Admin/RDCC/AO)
3. International Analysis: 3–4 months (post-shipping)
4. Invoicing/OM Generation: ~1–2 months
5. Total Lead Time: 6–9 months (excluding unforeseen technical breakdowns or supply chain delays).

Priority and Eligibility Criteria: The facility reserves the right to prioritize samples based on the following hierarchy:

1. Processed on a first-come, first-served basis within the submission window (i.e, Consultancy/External Firms).

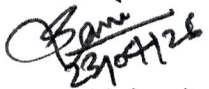
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2. Priority is reserved strictly for scientists who have demonstrated a history of ethical data use, as evidenced by co-authorship and timely publication.
3. The QA/QC, sample processing, and data interpretation are meticulously managed by the Lab In-charge (Dr. Srinivas Bikkina) and other scientific personnel (Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh Gahlaud).
4. Given the high level of intellectual input and technical oversight required for C14 dating, the Lab In-Charge and relevant scientific staff must be included as co-authors in any publication that utilizes data generated by this facility.
5. Any researcher found to have published data using BSIP's radiocarbon results without including the laboratory team's names will not be allowed to use the facility for any upcoming projects. Such instances will be formally reported to the Director, BSIP, and the respective parent authorities/journals.

Submission Requirements: All samples must be accompanied by a formal request specifying the research objectives and the work carried out for other parameters, and a signed declaration agreeing to these terms.

Strict adherence to these guidelines is essential to prevent machine-hour waste and ensure the facility meets national expectations in a timely and professional manner.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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