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ASB Std 127, Standard for preservation and Examination of Charred documents

#	Section	Comments	Proposed Resolution	Final Resolution
1	4.5.4	"shall examine"	"may examine" may not be requested or probative in all instances	Reject: various optical techniques include the act of visual observation, additional items listed as examples.
2	4.5.5	"shall examine"	"may examine" may not be requested or probative in all instances	Reject with modification: Section intended to require recording of the test items
3	4.5.2	"shall visually examine"	"as necessary" - may not need microscopic examination such as blank document or if screening documents	Accept with Modification. Section separated into two part to require macroscopic examination and remove microscopic examination.
4	4.5.8	"shall record"	"as necessary" - may not need to record all. May have large amounts of charred docs that are not probative to the particular case. Some docs are screened and discarded as of no value. This often occurs in cases with a large quantity of charred docs or burn piles.	Accept with modification: Changed to The FDE shall record visualized entries relevant to the requested examination.
5	4.6.5	"shall ensure that testing be performed"	"if possible" - may not be able to conduct testing prior; may be a solvent used before with known results on specific substrates; or there may not be enough questioned material to use as a test area.	Accept with modification: Changed to 4.6.5 When using solvents, the FDE shall ensure they are used appropriately. This may require that testing be performed prior to general application to each item in order to determine the best course of action.