



**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** 12-27-16

**TO:** NPL Clients

**FROM:** Rhonda Burgard, MT (ASCP), BB, MPA

**RE:** Weather related shipping delays

We are once again experiencing the aftermath of a winter storm in Bismarck. Beginning Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Bismarck and much of North Dakota, began to receive several inches of snow accompanied by high winds. North Dakota roads remain snow and/or ice covered. Adverse travel conditions has caused some specimen transport delays.

This is what I know regarding courier services for Tuesday, December 27, 2016:

- US Postal Service will run where possible. I would expect deliveries to be delayed.
- Same Day Courier is unable to pick-ups at Pine Ridge and Rosebud. The rest of the locations should have normal service.
- Speedee Delivery in Minot is unable to make out-of town pick-up or deliveries. Deliveries of in-town packages from the Minot Speedee distribution center to Bismarck will be made tonight.
- Speedee Delivery in Bismarck not pick-ups at Bowman, Oakes, Carrington and Turtle Lake. The rest of pick-up and deliveries may be delayed.
- Corporate Courier will make scheduled pick-ups but will be running late.
- Fed Ex and UPS may be delayed. At this time UPS in Bismarck is closed.
- Meadowlark Logistics will be making pick-ups at all locations and will attempt to delivery to Bismarck this evening.
- PreSort Plus is not making any out-of town pick-ups and will only run in Bismarck where possible.

If sending time sensitive specimens please be sure they will be able to be delivered and tested within the constraints of any transportation delays. Refer to the NPL Test Catalog at [www.northernplainslab.com](http://www.northernplainslab.com) for specimen stability information and shipping directions. You may need to freeze samples you would normally send as refrigerated specimens.

Thank you for your attention to these shipping constraints. Please call Northern Plains Laboratory client services at 1-800-645-1003 if you have any questions or concerns.