

Assessor evaluation - Case Study 08

Name: - *Temperature Records*

Category: - *Lead/Technical Assessor – Recordkeeping*

During an assessment, an assessor notes that for every working thermometer in the laboratory, the laboratory has a calibration certificate from a calibration laboratory accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 for temperature.

The assessor is reviewing records of a method that requires a hot block digestion and asks if the laboratory keeps records of the hot block. The laboratory produces evidence that it does indeed maintain checks of the hot block. The assessor notes that there is not a record of which working thermometer was used to check the hot block. The laboratory staff person responds that it doesn't matter because all the working thermometers are traceable.

Would you have rated this discovery a non-conformance? Yes? No?

If No – Why?

If yes - What ISO/IEC 17025 clause/s is/are applicable and why?

If yes – What AB Policy/ies is/are applicable and why?

If yes - What corrective action would you expect?
