

 <p>Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2019 Biennial Meeting</p>	<p>1. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growing Area b. <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting/Handling/Distribution c. <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative</p>
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10. Proposal Subject	Microbiology Laboratory Evaluation Checklist - Working Thermometers
11. Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section IV. Guidance Documents, Chapter II. Growing Areas, .15 Evaluation of Laboratories by State Shellfish Laboratory Evaluation Officers Including Laboratory Evaluation Checklists, 1. NSSP Laboratory Evaluation Checklist for Microbiology
12. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	The requested action is to adopt the modified text of the NSSP microbiology checklist, section 1.4 Laboratory Equipment, item 1.4.24:
13. Public Health Significance	<p>The laboratory’s goal is to ensure high-quality data using accepted scientific practices. The designated changes incorporate recommended best practices from a current recognized scientific publication. These types of acknowledged practices are used to develop a laboratory’s Quality Assurance Program (QAP). The <i>verification</i> of working thermometers is now suitably referenced to support past and present practices in program laboratories and <i>recommends a rejection component (new)</i>. The newer/current reference material is cited to strengthen confidence in the acceptability of past practices for “checking” accuracy in working temperature monitoring devices.</p> <p>Standard Methods, 23rd Edition, states “Annually, or preferably semiannually, verify the accuracy of all working temperature-sensing devices (e.g., liquid-in-glass thermometers, thermocouples, and temperature-recording instruments) at the use temperature(s). To do this, compare each device’s measurements to those of a certified NIST temperature-sensing device or one traceable to NIST and conforming to NIST specifications. Discard temperature-sensing devices that differ by >1°C from the reference device.”</p>
14. Cost Information	N/A