



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1-25-2010

TO: NPL Clients

FROM: Rhonda Burgard, MT (ASCP) Client Services Supervisor

RE: Ice packs

Please use only Northern Plains Laboratory supplied gel -shipping packs when sending specimens. These packs have been validated to keep specimens at the appropriate transportation temperatures. It is important to only use blue packs to send frozen specimens and only white packs for refrigerated specimens. Use of non-approved packs or the incorrect pack type may contribute to inappropriate shipping temperatures. Approved ice packs are:

	Temperature	Item number	Description	Dimension
Blue Gel Pack	Frozen	80096	XC-12-R	6"x6"
White Gel Pack	Refrigerated	801084	ProPack Polar Pack Koolit Therma Frost	6" x 6"

To avoid damage to the Styrofoam coolers, please do not use gel packs larger than the approved dimensions.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rhonda Burgard at 701-530-5700 or 1-800-645-1003 or rburgard@primecare.org