

# TNI ASSESSMENT FORUM

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# Topics

1. How much detail is required to explain the finding?
2. Providing Citations to Support Findings – Is there only one correct citation?

# Detail – How Much is Required?

- What is a finding
  - ❖ Deviation from a regulation
  - ❖ Supported by objective evidence
  - ❖ Concluded in a report
  
- What a finding is not
  - ❖ A “how to fix” the deviation
  - ❖ Opinion of the assessor

# Detail – How Much is Required?

## ➤ Who is the Potential audience?

- ❖ Laboratory Personnel
- ❖ Accreditation Bodies
- ❖ State and Federal Agencies
- ❖ Laboratory clients
- ❖ Lawyers and Judges
- ❖ Anyone who requests the report???



- Which way should the arrow go?

# Detail – How Much is Required?

## ➤ In General

- ❖ The laboratory personnel present and not present at the time of the assessment to understand the problem
- ❖ If the finding is a systematic problem, confined problem, or a one time mistake (does this even need to be in the report?)
- ❖ Historical reconstruction
- ❖ Do not include non essential information

# Citations – Is there only one correct one?

- Why are they important to include
  - ❖ Clarification
  - ❖ Detail
  - ❖ Reference to the regulation
  - ❖ Justification

# Citations – Is there only one correct one?

- If more than one citation fits the finding
  - ❖ Do you write the finding multiple times using the different citations?
  
  - ❖ Do you choose the best one?
  
  - ❖ Does it matter as long as the citation fits the finding?

# Citations – Is there only one correct one?

- If more than one finding per citation?
  - ❖ Write the finding multiple times using the same citation?
  
  - ❖ Write the citation once and put in examples representative of the observations?