

OSAC Open Comment Period Form and Instructions

The Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for Forensic Science is considering placing a Draft "OSAC Proposed Standard" on the OSAC Registry and submitting to an SDO. This form allows individuals and organizations to comment on whether the draft should be placed on the OSAC Registry and to propose specific improvements before a draft is published as an OSAC Proposed Standard.

To propose improvements:

- Direct comments to specific subsections.
- Propose text or revisions that would satisfy the concern.
- Describe each item in its own row within the Comments Tab.
- Be concise when completing corresponding columns in the Comment Tab.
- Comments without suggested language may not be considered.
- Name your file in the following manner: LAST NAME_FIRST NAME_STANDARD NUMBER_comments.
- Email the file to comments@nist.gov.
- Comments submitted, including the commenter's name and/or affiliation, will be made available to the public.

If a commenter wishes to withhold their name and/or affiliation from web posting, note "DO NOT PUBLISH" along with the commenter's name and affiliation on the Comments Tab.

Type of Comments Accepted

Abbreviation	Comment Type	Comment Type Description
GE	<i>General Comment</i>	General comment on content without providing suggested revision language. Clarification on a specific section can be requested, if the meaning is not clear and alternative language cannot be suggested.
ED	<i>Editorial</i>	Correction of a spelling mistake, grammar, consistency, formatting, error, etc.
TE-AFFIRM	<i>Technical - Affirmative</i>	Technical suggestion to improve the content of the standard; however, the "OSAC Proposed Standard" can be placed on the OSAC Registry and sent to the SDO.
TE-NEG	<i>Technical - Negative</i>	Negative technical comment on the content of the standard; however, the "OSAC Proposed Standard" should not be placed on the OSAC Registry and sent to the SDO.