

<b>Statement of Deficiencies</b>	<b>(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number</b>  27D0409775	<b>(X3) Date Survey Completed</b>  10/31/2024
<b>Name of Provider or Supplier</b>  Nemhs Trinity Hospital Lab	<b>Street Address, City, State</b>  315 Knapp St, Wolf Point, MT	
For information on the provider's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the provider or the state survey agency.		

<b>(X4) ID Prefix Tag</b>	<b>Summary Statement of Deficiencies</b>
<b>D3001</b>	<p>FACILITIES CFR(s): 493.1101(a)(1)</p> <p>The laboratory must be constructed, arranged, and maintained to ensure the space, ventilation, and utilities necessary for conducting all phases of the testing process.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, instrument manual, and interview with the technical supervisor (TS) #1, the laboratory failed to provide sufficient workbench space for the microbiology laboratory to prevent unsafe use of one Nuair Biological Safety Cabinet Class II (BSL II hood) from October 30, 2022, to October 30, 2024. Findings: 1. Observed on October 30, 2024, at 8:40 AM, one BSL II hood in the microbiology laboratory. The BSL II hood's front grill was covered with paperwork, specimens, and stacks of media plates in use, and the back grill was blocked by new media plates, an incinerator, and supplies. No available counter space next to the hood was available for use. 2. A review of the BSL II hood manual revealed the laboratory failed to use the BSL II hood as instructed for its intended purpose (1.2 Safety Instructions) and minimize the number of items placed in the cabinet, prevent placing items on the front grill, and prevent blocking the rear grill (6.2 Operating Guidelines). 3. An interview on October 30, 2024, at 8:45 AM with the TS#1 confirmed the BSL II hood was being used as an extra workbench when not in use and had no other counter space available to allow items in the hood to be stored elsewhere from October 30, 2022 to October 20, 2024.</p>