GENERAL SOP GUIDELINES/CHECKLIST

Purpose

Explain SOP's intended objective.

Scope / Field of Application

State the range of activities and/or personnel the SOP applies to, as well as any limitations or exceptions.

Definitions

Define words and acronyms that people reading the SOP would not generally know and that would require clarification. If a definition is needed, and one exists in the regulations, use the regulation's definition.

Responsibilities

Identify personnel (by title) responsible for complying with the SOP. Identify personnel (by title) responsible for assuring the appropriate personnel are trained on the SOP.

Materials Required

List all material required to complete the procedure including form. Include Model Number and Manufacturer's name for equipment.

Procedure

Explain the procedure in simple steps. Describe *what* to do, not *how* to do it. State who completes each step and how the activity is documented to be certain that whoever is performing the procedure can prove that they have done it.

Documentation

List the Quality Records to be generated and the person responsible for generating and maintaining them.

Reference Procedures

If the procedure described in the SOP is follows or is based on a standard procedure or method, list it here.

References

List related SOPs, any supporting documentation necessary to understand and correctly follow the procedure, and any applicable regulations and regulatory guidelines.

Review and Revision

State how often the SOP is reviewed and/or under what circumstances it is to be revised.