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INDUSTRY-WIDE BULLETIN: 15-06 (FOLLOW-UP TO INDUSTRY BULLETIN 15-04)

RE: UPDATE ON RETAIL MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITY PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR MICROBIAL CONTAMINANT TESTING FOR RETAIL MARIJUANA, RETAIL MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES, AND EDIBLE RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCT

Dear Marijuana Industry Members:

Beta testing for microbial contaminants began September 23, 2015. However, there is currently insufficient capacity to accommodate the demand for microbial contaminant testing required within the Retail Marijuana industry. Only one Retail Marijuana Testing Facility (RMTF) statewide has been fully provisionally certified to conduct microbial contaminant testing [*Shiga-toxin producing Escherichia coli (STEC)*, *Salmonella species*, and *Total Yeast and Mold Count (TYMC)*]. The Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) is working with the Colorado Department of Public Health (CDPHE) to facilitate the certification of five (5) additional RMTFs for provisional microbial contaminant testing.

Until there are sufficient testing facilities fully certified for microbial contaminant testing, MED Retail Marijuana Licensees will not be expected to beta test for microbial contaminant immediately. However, all Retail Marijuana Establishments will be expected to submit test samples for mandatory microbial contaminant testing *as soon as* additional testing capacity is available, which we expect in the coming weeks.

Specific updates regarding provisional RMTF certification can be accessed on the MED website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/med-licensed-facilities>. On the RMTF Table, an asterisk (*) represents RMTFs fully provisionally certified for microbial contaminant testing. Retail Marijuana Establishments are responsible for regularly checking the MED website and submit samples for microbial testing.

Aurum Laboratories, LLC, located at 789 Tech Center Dr., Unit C, Durango, CO 81301 is fully provisionally certified for microbial contaminant testing and those licensees submitting test samples to Aurum or planning to do so in the future, are encouraged to proceed with beta microbial contaminant testing in order to advance towards their facilities' process validation in a timely manner.

As a reminder, beta testing for microbial contaminant testing includes:

- All Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facilities (RMCFs) submit Marijuana samples for every Harvest Batch of Retail Marijuana to a fully provisionally certified RMTF for microbial contaminant testing.
- All Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facilities (RMPMFs) submit Marijuana samples for every Production Batch of Food-Based Retail Marijuana Concentrate Samples and Water-Based Retail Marijuana Concentrate Samples to a fully provisionally certified RMTF for microbial contaminant testing.
- All RMPMFs submit marijuana Samples for every Production Batch of Edible Retail Marijuana Product to a fully provisionally certified RMTF for microbial contaminant testing.

Implementation of the testing regulations remains a top priority and your continued cooperation and compliance is appreciated.

Regards,



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