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To: Current and Prospective Adult Use Cannabis Program Licensees  
From: Interim Director Vernon Malloch, Office of Cannabis Policy  
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022  
Subject: Second Advance Notice of Mandatory Testing for Pesticides

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This reminder is sent as a courtesy to all adult use licensees. As of **Monday, December 12, 2022, cannabis and cannabis products that have not yet been transferred for sale to consumers will be subject to mandatory testing for pesticides**, as applicable.

**Beginning December 12, 2022**, all pesticides testing must occur before cannabis flower, trim, or concentrate is further manufactured into a cannabis product or transferred to a cannabis store for sale to consumers. Please keep in mind that each individual batch of cannabis flower, trim, and/or concentrate used to make an adult use cannabis product in its final form must have previously passed mandatory testing for pesticides.

Licensees must ensure that any existing inventory of cannabis flower, trim, or concentrate is tested for pesticides as of December 12, 2022. Given that the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) and the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) have determined that cannabis flower, trim, and concentrate that pass mandatory testing for pesticides are unlikely to be reintroduced to these contaminants through further manufacturing or processing, and pursuant to the testing rules in [18-691 C.M.R. ch. 1](#) and [18-691 C.M.R. ch. 5](#), licensees do not need to repeat pesticides testing on cannabis products made using previously tested flower, trim, or concentrate.

Licensees with adult use cannabis products **manufactured on or after December 19, 2022**, including topical and edible cannabis products, must ensure that these products are manufactured using 1) cannabis concentrate that has passed mandatory testing for pesticides, or 2) cannabis concentrate that was extracted from cannabis flower or trim that passed mandatory testing for pesticides.

**Licensees are also reminded that they may, at any time, submit samples of cannabis or cannabis products for research and development purposes.** While testing for research and development purposes may not be used to satisfy mandatory testing requirements, it may provide helpful information to licensees regarding their cultivation and manufacturing processes, particularly in advance of the launch of the mandatory testing requirements for pesticides.

Please direct any questions about pesticides testing to OCP's Compliance Division at [compliance.ocp@maine.gov](mailto:compliance.ocp@maine.gov). Thank you for your attention to this information and for your continued partnership in ensuring public health and safety.