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Commencement of Quality Assurance Testing Program

This bulletin is issued by the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission (“CCC”), through the Cannabis Office, in coordination with the Rhode Island Department of Health (“RIDOH”) to announce the commencement of phase one of the Quality Assurance Testing Program as outlined in 560-RICR-10-10-2.28.

The Quality Assurance Testing Program will leverage random sampling of previously tested cannabis products to verify the accuracy of the reported results and provide important insights into the stability of cannabis products over time.

The first phase of the Quality Assurance Testing Program will focus primarily on potency and microbial test results for flower products.

Phase one will see state-licensed testing laboratories being instructed to collect additional sample material from licensed cannabis cultivators and vertically integrated compassion centers during regularly scheduled sampling events. The additional material will be collected and anonymized before being redistributed to licensed laboratories for retesting with the new results compared to the initial results.

Participation in the program is not optional and, though it will require the provision of additional sample material, in accordance with 560-RICR-10-10-2.28.1(C)(1) “No single licensed cannabis establishment will be required to provide samples for random quality assurance testing more than one (1) time per calendar year.”

The CCC and RIDOH look forward to working with cannabis producers and licensed laboratories on our shared mission to ensure that Rhode Islanders have access to safe, high-quality cannabis products that are rigorously tested to the highest possible standard.