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Commencement of Non-Random Quality Assurance Testing Pilot 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 two of the Quality Assurance Testing Program, as outlined in 560-RICR-10-10-2.28. Phase two will involve non-random selection and testing of packaged cannabis flower sold at licensed hybrid retail establishments with a particular focus on potency following retesting.

Phase two of the Quality Assurance Testing Program will include flower and flower products that have passed required compliance testing and are currently offered for sale at hybrid retail licensed locations. The Cannabis Office and/or RIDOH staff will collect material "off-the-shelf" in its existing packaging.

The material will be homogenized and anonymized by CCC and/or RIDOH staff before being redistributed to licensed laboratories for retesting with the new results compared to the results on the issued Certificate of Analysis.

Retesting data will be made available to the public following analysis by the CCC and RIDOH. In cases where there is a significant discrepancy between results on the initial Certificate of Analysis and results following retesting, the CCC and/or RIDOH may take administrative action up to, and including, requiring relabeling or, in some cases, initiating a mandatory recall of applicable products.

In accordance with 560-RICR-10-10-2.28.1(B), participation in the Quality Assurance Testing Program is a requirement of licensure and is not optional and licensees are not eligible for remuneration for participation in the Quality Assurance Testing Program.

The CCC and RIDOH look forward to working with all licensed cannabis establishments 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.