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To All ORELAP Accredited Cannabis Laboratories,

In the past, the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ORELAP) has allowed proficiency testing (PT) results reported in one matrix to apply to both the biological tissues and solids matrix. Going forward, the expectation is for laboratories to submit PT studies for all accredited matrices.

ORELAP does not consider this a change in policy, but a change in our enforcement of existing policy. In Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 333, Division 64, Section 120 (OAR 333-064-0120) laboratories are required to have two successful PT studies out of the most recent three attempts for each field of accreditation. Field of accreditation is defined in our rules and in the 2016 TNI Standard as the combination of matrix, method, and analyte. After careful review of the rules and the availability of PT samples, we've determined we must require PT studies in both accredited matrices.

Effective **January 1, 2022**, ORELAP will begin issuing suspensions to laboratories that do not have two acceptable PT studies out of the most recent three attempts in both the biological tissues and solids matrices.

For biological tissues, appropriate matrices include usable marijuana or hemp (specific rules for potency and pesticides testing in usable marijuana are still in place). For solids, appropriate matrices may include any of the substances normally encountered for compliance testing, such as oils or edibles. Specifically, ORELAP will not accept a usable marijuana or hemp PT for the solids matrix.

A complete list of the Cannabis fields of accreditation for PT testing can be found on the ORELAP webpage. If you have any questions about the ORELAP requirements for accreditation, please contact me at travis.j.bartholomew@dhsosha.state.or.us or at 503-693-4122.

Sincerely,

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