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Industry Bulletin: 25-04

RE: Marijuana Enforcement Division Priorities & Testing Program

Dear Interested Parties:

This industry bulletin serves to assure all interested parties that the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED or Division) is committed to upholding our mission to promote public safety and reduce public harm. This bulletin reflects the Division's position on recent assertions by a marijuana licensee regarding a claimed "testing study" that raised questions and concerns about Colorado's regulated marijuana testing program. The Division is actively reviewing the materials circulated by the licensee and will consider opportunities to further address the matter, as appropriate, through existing forums that support mutual transparency and collaborative engagement. This includes our consideration of the opportunity to assess some of the licensee's assertions in the Division's Science & Policy forum. The Division takes these matters and its regulatory responsibilities seriously and will continue to deploy investigative resources in the interest of **preventing youth access and ensuring product safety**. Our team of professionals is focused on carrying out that important work daily and the facilitation and support of the Science & Policy forum remains a critical aspect of that work.

In 2018, the MED, in coordination with its partners at the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), announced their establishment of a Science & Policy forum, with a specific focus on identifying and addressing marijuana-related scientific issues through available and valid research and collaboration on new and improved measures to enhance the quality and safety of regulated marijuana in Colorado. This forum has provided a valuable and important arena for in-depth discussions, exchange of information, and opportunities to listen and learn from one another to inform the most effective approach to regulations and best practices that are grounded in science and are focused on the protection of public health. Those discussions have led to thoughtful recommendations for changes to rules that improve product and occupational safety in Colorado's regulated marijuana program, as well as the creation of resources to assist licensees in implementing safe cultivation and manufacturing practices. The ongoing value of these efforts were demonstrated in today's first Science and Policy forum meeting of 2025 (recording available here).

Additionally, the Division encourages interested parties with legitimate concerns or proposals to bring them to the Division through appropriate channels to promote thoughtful and informed conversations. This should be coupled with a willingness to share **all** relevant information that can help inform a thorough understanding of concerns or considerations of topics. We appreciate how the process established for Science & Policy forum topical discussions has proven to support thoughtful engagement with stakeholders on what are often complex issues, and in a way that advances progress on matters in a meaningful and collaborative way. Any interested party may submit a <u>topic proposal form</u> for topics they would like to see discussed in the Science & Policy forum.

Beyond the Science & Policy forum, the Division has consistently demonstrated a willingness to listen to valid concerns from stakeholders, especially when it is backed by **comprehensive and sound research and data**. We remain committed to exploring opportunities to strengthen the regulatory program to support efforts of preventing youth access and ensuring product safety. We look forward to opportunities to engage further with stakeholders, with these interests and objectives at the forefront.