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Dear Cannabis Testing Laboratories:

For those of you who have received accreditation for cannabis testing and sampling, congratulations on a job well done. We understand the extraordinary efforts you went through for this accomplishment. As you all should know, report content was not evaluated during your onsite assessments since there were no client reports available at that time. With your NELAP approval comes the expectation (and requirement) that all reports are compliant with section 5.10 "*Reporting Results"* in the 2009 TNI standard and the report requirements in OAR 333-064-0100 - 0110.

From control study and field sample reports we have received from OHA and other sources, we are finding that many of the reports do not meet the above referenced requirements. If your lab reports are compliant, we appreciate your efforts and thank you. Some of the deficiencies that have been included (but not limited to):

- No Limit of quantitation in the reports
- Not all regulated analytes reported
- No units
- Tests run by another lab and not identified in the report
- ORELAP Accreditation status not clear
- Tests not run and defaulted results of ND on the report
- Detected pesticides below the LOQ not reported as required
- Identification of the customer
- TICs not noted in solvent analysis reporting. If no TICS were identified, the report needs to state that there were no TICS. Without the comment, one cannot tell if the lab looked for them as required, or not.
- Sampling dates incorrect or just guessed (not provided on the Chain of custody)
- References to quality control analysis is missing
- Unsecure reports (unlocked excel files).

These reports are an integral part of the cannabis sampling and testing process and must contain all of the required information. ORELAP expects that all reports are compliant with the accreditation and regulatory requirements. If the report is for production screening or some other non-compliance purposes or for customers where accreditation is not necessary, clearly state on the report that it is not for compliance purposes to avoid misrepresentation.
After January 1, 2017, non-compliant report submittals may result in temporary suspension of your accreditation until the laboratory can demonstrate they can generate a compliant report.

We encourage your laboratory to maintain compliance with all report requirements. It is the responsibility of the laboratory and its director to ensure that the laboratory is at all times following all 2009 TNI standards and ORS 333-064-0100 to 0110 requirements, to identify any problems in the laboratory and take corrective action specific to the problems, and to institute appropriate quality assessment measures to ensure that the deficient practices do not recur.

We appreciate your attention to these details and your diligence to achieve and maintain sustainable compliancy to the report requirements.

Sincerely,

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