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To ORELAP Accredited Cannabis Testing Laboratories,

This written notice is the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program's (ORELAP's) formal approval for the temporary use of hemp proficiency testing (PT) samples for potency and pesticides analysis for the purposes of ORELAP accreditation. Because of challenges experienced with the provider of usable marijuana PT samples, ORELAP approves the use of hemp-based PT samples for accreditation purposes until **June 30th, 2024**. At that time, PT samples for potency and pesticides in the biological tissue matrix must be performed using a usable marijuana matrix, unless another written notice is provided by ORELAP.

As a reminder, PTs in hemp flower matrix must be prepared in the usable hemp matrix itself and may not include a separate spiking solution. Absolute part number 38495 is one option that meets ORELAP criteria. ORELAP does not require the use of any one particular PT provider. The specific part number from Absolute above does not constitute an endorsement of the vendor but rather is provided for the convenience of the laboratory community. PT offerings from other TNI-approved PT providers may be acceptable so long as they contain all needed analytes and meet the criteria outlined in OAR 333-064-0120.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact ORELAP at steven.jetter@oha.oregon.gov or at 503-505-2672.

Sincerely,

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