



**MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD
LABORATORY TESTING WORKING GROUP
MAY 6, 2026**

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AMCO PARTICIPANTS

Kevin Richard	AMCO
Jane Sawyer	AMCO
Kristina Serezhenkov	AMCO

AGENDA

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes
- E. Subgroup Discussion
 - a. Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product
 - b. Testing for Cause
- F. Subgroup Discussion
 - a. Action Analytes
 - b. Action Analyte Limits
- G. Prioritization of Agenda Items
 - a. Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product
 - b. Testing for Cause
 - c. Number of Samples Tested



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- d. Sample Testing Selections
 - e. Collection and Submission of Samples
 - f. Sample Size (6g for flower, 2g for concentrate)
 - g. Laboratory to Laboratory Transfer of Samples
 - h. R&D Testing for Contaminants (Elective Supplemental Quality Testing)
 - i. Remediation and Retest of Failed Products
 - j. CBD-to-THC Conversion: Lab Identification
 - k. Labeling Requirements
 - l. Residual Solvent Levels & Adjusting Acceptable Limits
 - m. Financial Responsibility for Testing
 - n. Mycotoxins, Pesticides, and Random Sampling
- H. New Agenda Items
 - I. Goals and Deliverables for Next Meeting
 - J. Comments
 - K. Adjourn



SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- April 8, 2026
 - Subgroup discusses identifying gaps in the current system and marking sure sampling and testing for cause supports accurate results, especially for pesticides and metals.
 - Suggests that a standardized testing framework developed by the State of Alaska that marijuana handler permit holders are trained on the process.
 - Suggests an increase in the documentation requirements of sample collection including a standardized collection form.
 - Suggest incorporating video surveillance specific to the collection process for review (webcam, laptop, etc.).
 - Discussion on incorporating by reference the sampling and testing requirements.
 - Discussion about increasing the contributions of Env. Health Lab through an RSA component. Specifically for auditing or oversight of the program.
 - Working group discusses the analytes testing, inclusion/exclusion criteria, and the work other states have done in pesticides testing, including Oregon and Montana.
 - The group discusses recommendations of how often things are tested after a failed test. Consensus is that it should be based on the danger or risk profile of the found analyte.
 - Discussion on finding an agricultural officer for AMCO to select samples. Env. Health Lab offers to help with reviewing audits on a need-basis which would be less expensive than AMCO taking on another PCN. Discussion on contracting with a third party.
 - Discussion about increasing sample sizes from 4g to 6g. There isn't a sampling size for concentrates.
- March 10, 2026
 - Subgroup on Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product and Testing for Cause presents topics for discussion to include:
 - Sampling integrity
 - Minimum sample amounts
 - Failed supplemental screens
 - Who bears the cost of additional testing for cause



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- Chair provides direction to continue the discussion on loopholes, look at other state protocols, and bring the result to the attention of the working group and Marijuana Control Board.
- If a failed test occurs, how many additional attempts are allowed?
- The WG discusses the possibility of a licensed sampling agent, the costs of equipment, and the costs of screening.
- The WG discusses the potential removal of the 10 pound package limit and how to determine appropriate representative sample sizes based on the weight of the package.
- A second subgroup is formed to discuss the analytes to be tested, permissible limits in Alaska, or other items related to action analytes and action limits. Sarah Hickman was suggested as a contributor and volunteers include:
 - Chelsea Foster
 - Jonathon Strong
 - Jessica Alexander
 - Jason Pfeifer
- The board sets a future meeting date for April 8, 2026.
- January 22, 2026
 - No disagreement to change the name of the working group to “Laboratory Testing Working Group.”
 - No disagreement to the mission statement.
 - No disagreement to the meeting schedule.
 - Discussed the reprioritization of agenda items from 2024. It was agreed that “Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Products,” “Testing for Cause,” and “Remediation and Retest of Failed Products” were to take priority, with the remaining items prioritized in the order they appeared on the January 22, 2026 agenda.
 - Discussion surrounding the CBD-to-THC Conversion agenda item. It was tabled for further discussion to clarify the intent of the agenda item, to include identifying and defining a CBD-to-THC converted item.
 - “Labeling Requirements” discussion to remove concentrations and use a pass/fail system.
 - Items asked to be added to the agenda:
 - Sample testing selections
 - Who takes on the financial responsibility for updated testing requirements.
 - Residual solvent levels and adjusting the acceptable limits.



- Address incentives for cultivators when providing samples. Suggest not relying on cultivators to select and deliver samples to laboratories.
- Subgroup
 - Created a subgroup to address the “Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product” and “Testing for Cause” in advance of the March 2026 meeting.
 - Subgroup participants are:
 - Jessica Alexander
 - Jonathan Strong
 - Jason Pfeifer
 - Michael Emers
 - Chelsea Foster
- Goals and deliverables at the next meeting are to discuss draft regulatory language addressing “Loopholes to Pass Unsafe Product” and “Testing for Cause.” The subgroup is to come prepared to discuss this topic.
- Discussed a future meeting date and landed on March 10, 2026.