



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Marijuana Control Board                      DATE: May 1, 2019

FROM: Erika McConnell, Director              RE: Vern's Wicked Weed,  
#10071, Standard Cultivation Facility

On March 14, 2019, I had an informal conference with Mr. Jeremy Erickson. Mr. Erickson asserted that he was on the phone at the February meeting but could not be heard by the board. The board will recall that we had issues with the telephone at that meeting. Mr. Erickson further informed me that he has experienced delays, but could request final inspection within 30 days if his license was re-approved.

I informed Mr. Erickson that if he provided a letter that answered the following questions, I would put this matter on the agenda for this meeting for the board to reconsider, if it chooses to do so:

1. Why didn't you attend the February meeting to speak to the board?
2. What is the current status of your facility? In January of 2018, you informed the board that you planned to be open in six months. Why weren't you?
3. If your license was restored, when would you begin operating?
4. What have you done to keep yourself informed regarding changes to the regulations for marijuana facilities? Provide enough information for the board to be confident that you understand the current statutes and regulations.

Attachments: Mr. Erickson's response  
Request to be present at February 2019 meeting

Vern's Wicked Weed #10071

Please write a letter to the board answering the following questions. To be on the May 1-3 agenda for reconsideration, the letter must be provided to me no later than April 12.

1. Why didn't you attend the February meeting to speak to the board?
2. What is the current status of your facility? In January of 2018, you informed the board that you planned to be open in six months. Why weren't you?
3. If your license was restored, when would you begin operating?
4. What have you done to keep yourself informed regarding changes to the regulations for marijuana facilities? Provide enough information for the board to be confident that you understand the current statutes and regulations.

As I am sure you understand, this is no guarantee the board will reconsider, but it is your opportunity to request that.

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April 11, 2019

The State of Alaska  
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Dear Marijuana Control Board,

In February, I was requested to appear before the Board in person or via telephone to discuss why my license had been pending for an extended period of time. I was in attendance via telephone. I was excited to inform the Board of how close I was to completion of the facility, setting up Metrc, and requesting final inspections. When the meeting agenda got to my permit, the Board could not hear me speaking for some unknown reason, and my only option was to listen. The prior approval was revoked and the license application was denied in accordance with 3 AAC 306.080(a)(6). I am requesting that the Board reconsider this decision.

The facility as of today is complete. All construction, electrical, duct work, light controllers, and plumbing are completed and inspected. Security alarms, fire alarms, and security cameras are in place. The only remaining items are plug and play including installation of carbon filters, inline exhaust fans, and grow lights. All of these items are in the process of being ordered.

I have experienced several unexpected delays with contractors, cost overruns, etc. Several life changing events took place during this time. Prior to being requested to appear before the board in February, I had cleaned my plate of all other major projects to focus solely on completion of the facility. In hindsight, there are things I would have done differently but, despite the path, I am finally ready for operation if allowed by the Board.

My goal is to request final inspection in under 30 days from the license being restored. This is completely achievable.

To keep current on regulations, I routinely visit the AMCO website and review proposed or updated changes to statutes. I review the emails sent to licensees to understand current regulations and statutes and any changes that take place. I maintain direct contact with other active members of the Alaska marijuana industry, and often discuss any changes or issues that have taken place within the marijuana industry.

I have over 1.5 years of experience being employed in an Alaska cultivation facility as a master grower. I worked with and understand the Metrc system as it pertains to cultivation. I also worked within their retail store and understand Metrc as it pertains to retail.

My education includes an associate's degree in law enforcement as well as a bachelor's degree in business management. I have over 15 years of work experience within the federal government, in which I gained expertise in contractual law, labor laws, osha regulations, federal statutes, etc. My wife, who will be a future employee, holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She has approximately 20 years of work experience for several different major pharmaceutical companies in research and development and quality assurance. Her work experience required in depth knowledge of FDA, DEA, and international laws and regulations. With both of our backgrounds and education, I am confident we are able to understand and adhere to all current regulations.

Thank you very much for your time to consider my appeal and I look forward to meeting you in person at the next Marijuana Control Board meeting. If there is any further information I can provide, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Erickson  
Owner Vern's Wicked Weed

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**Subject:** Marijuana Establishment License Application - Consideration at February 2019 Marijuana Control Board Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 10:44:00 AM

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Dear Licensee,

You have a marijuana establishment license application that has been in "Pending Inspection" status for over six months. Consideration of this matter has been scheduled for the February 20-22, 2019 meeting of the Marijuana Control Board.

The board requires that you be available via phone or in person to discuss why it has been pending for this period of time. Please find a link to our homepage here where call-in information and the agenda is published.

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco>.

If you have questions please direct them to [marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov).

Thank You,

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