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## **AMCO'S SEIZURE AND SURRENDER OF MARIJUANA PRODUCTS CONTAMINATED WITH PESTICIDES**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020 (Anchorage)** – As part of an ongoing investigation the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) received an allegation that marijuana cultivator Calm N Collective and marijuana retail establishment Houston Grass Station, both located in Houston, Alaska, were in possession of potentially improperly cultivated marijuana products. The allegation was that marijuana plants grown by Calm N Collective, and distributed by Houston Grass Station, had been improperly treated with unauthorized pesticides.

With the assistance of the Marijuana Control Board, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), the owners of Calm N Collective and Houston Grass Station, and members of the statewide marijuana industry; all applicable plants and products in the possession of any cultivator, distributor, or retail outlet were put on administrative hold in early November 2019. AMCO required these products to be secured and kept from public distribution, pending the results of a pesticide analysis that had been sent to an out-of-state pesticide testing facility.

Results of the tests showed the samples of these plants and products contained high levels of Myclobutanil, which is a fungicide, and Cyfluthrin, which is an insecticide. These pesticides are not allowable for use on marijuana plants in the State of Alaska. Additionally, Alaska's marijuana regulations require that manufacturers label each product with all pesticides/fungicides applied during the crop-growing process.

Anyone with products grown or manufactured by Calm N Collective and Houston Grass Station in their possession are asked to not ingest or inhale any of the suspect products.

Consumers that may have ingested or inhaled products from Calm N Collective and/or Houston Grass Station, and have concerns about ill effects from those products, please see your healthcare provider. For information for health care providers, please visit <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/pest/information-for-health-care-providers/> or contact the Oregon Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.

Additionally, consumers with suspect products are asked to contact the following participating retail marijuana stores and/or AMCO to surrender any tainted products for proper destruction.

Note: The following retailers are not affiliated with the suspected products nor businesses (Calm N Collective or Houston Grass Station). Each business is volunteering their time and resources to assist the public by taking in the surrendered items for proper destruction by AMCO officials.

**Anchorage:**

Items from the public be dropped off in care of the  
Anchorage Alcohol Marijuana Control Office at:

Alcohol Marijuana Control Office  
550 W 7th Avenue, STE 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
Phone: (907) 269-0350

Or items from the public may also be dropped off at:

Secret Garden Cannabis  
726 E 15th Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Fairbanks:**

Items from the public be dropped off in care of the  
Fairbanks Alcohol Marijuana Control Office at:

Green Life Supply  
511 30th Avenue  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

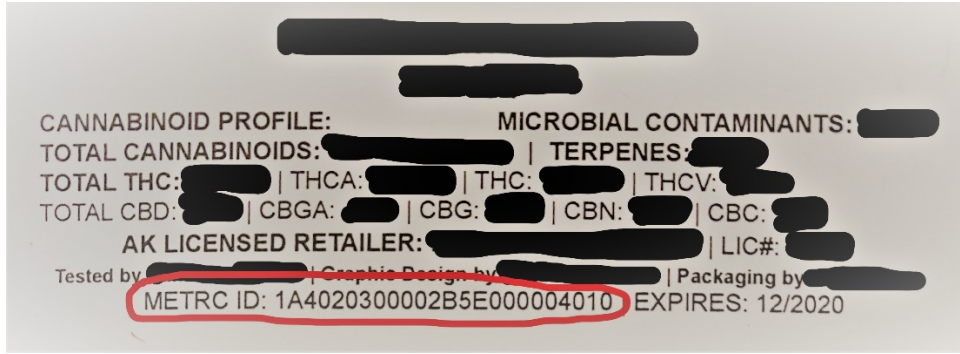
**Juneau:**

Items from the public may be dropped off in care of the  
Juneau Alcohol Marijuana Control Office at:

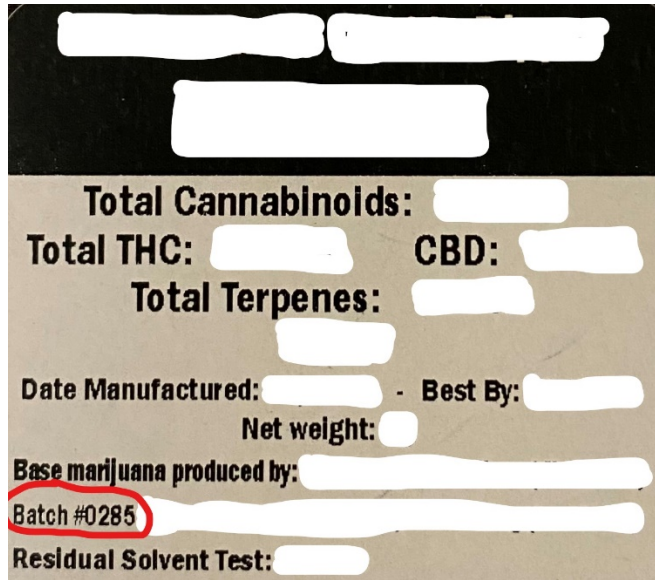
Green Elephant  
101 Mill Street, Suite B  
Juneau, AK 99801

Consumers with any Calm N Collective or Houston Grass Station product may email AMCO with the Metrc ID Number or the Batch Number (and the name of the manufacturer) from the label on the original package to: [amco.pesticidetrack@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.pesticidetrack@alaska.gov) to have an AMCO officer confirm if the item is a suspect product.

SAMPLE METRC ID NUMBER:



SAMPLE BATCH NUMBER:



The Marijuana Control Board allows only certain approved pesticides and fungicides for use on marijuana crops; and even approved products applied to crops are mandated to be used in accordance with labeling instructions. A list of allowable products can be obtained [here](#); and further information regarding marijuana and pesticides can be obtained [here](#).

Please contact the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Pesticide Control Program at 800-478-2577 or 907-376-1870 with any questions about these types of pesticides.

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