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CCB and NDA issue joint-guidance on testing hemp products

It has come to the attention of the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) and the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) that hemp based distillate and/or crude oil is being further extracted to create a concentrated THC distillate; which is an illegal cannabis product. Be advised, this does not include mid-process hemp extraction that has yet to be diluted for sale that meets the THC limits as established by federal law.

If a cannabis testing facility receives a sample that is marketed as or disclosed to be exclusively hemp based product where the THC has been extracted and concentrated, they are to decline the sample analysis and report the activity to CCB at <u>auditinspections@ccb.nv.gov</u> and NDA at <u>ablondfield@agri.nv.gov</u>.

This applies only to samples submitted with information that make it evident that exclusively hemp products were used to create a concentrated THC distillate that is intended for sale. We understand that labs often receive limited information involving the samples they analyze. If it is unknowingly tested and accepted, this would not be the fault of the testing facility. If the production was not purely hemp derived, please notify CCB.

Per the 2018 Agriculture Improvement Act, all hemp products, including extracts, must be tested for Federal compliance. NDA and CCB encourage hemp producers, handlers, and processors to seek testing to ensure their products meet the federal requirements. The NDA performs compliance testing for hemp crops; however, they encourage producers to test their crop to appropriately time harvests; which can be done through third party labs. Third party test results do not need to be shared with the Department of Agriculture.

Further guidance may be forthcoming.