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Kief-Enhanced Usable Cannabis – Testing and Identification Guidance

The Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) is issuing this guidance to licensed **testing laboratories** regarding the identification and evaluation of cannabis flower and pre-roll enhanced through the addition of kief.

This notice is intended to promote consistency in cannabis item identification and support accurate laboratory reporting.

Background

The Board has observed instances where cannabis flower and pre-rolls containing added kief were not clearly identified during submission for testing or within the seed-to-sale system (e.g., Metrc).

Kief is classified as **usable cannabis**, and its addition to other usable cannabis does **not** constitute an infused cannabis product.

To improve transparency, the Board has established standardized product categories effective June 1, 2026.

Product Categories:

Laboratories may receive samples identified as:

- **Kief-Enhanced Flower**
- **Kief-Enhanced Pre-Roll**

Laboratory Considerations:

1. Product Identification

Laboratories should verify that submitted samples are appropriately identified. If a product appears to contain added kief but is not labeled accordingly, laboratories should document observations and may notify the Board if discrepancies are identified.

2. Sampling and Homogeneity

The addition of kief may impact cannabinoid distribution within the product. Laboratories must ensure samples are **representative of the entire lot** and collected **randomly across the lot**, in accordance with established sampling requirements. Sampling must not be selective, and **staff must ensure they are being presented the entire lot**.

3. Potency Interpretation

Kief-enhanced products may exhibit elevated cannabinoid concentrations compared to traditional flower or pre-roll. Laboratories are not required to validate formulation inputs but must ensure reported results accurately reflect the tested sample.

4. Testing Requirements

This guidance does not introduce new testing requirements. All existing compliance testing standards remain in effect.

Contact Information

For questions regarding this guidance, please contact: auditinspections@ccb.nv.gov