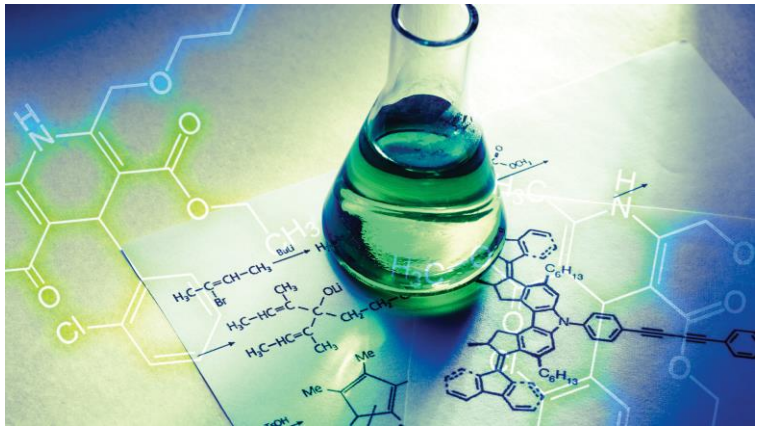
Cannabis Science Task Force: Metals Analytical Work Group Update

Date: 8/14/2020

<u>Metals AWG meeting:</u>

August 11th from 1-4pm



3rd METALS AWG MEETING
Roll Call: ★= Present

CSTF (Cannabis Science Task Force) Metals Workgroup Members:

- Sara Sekerak, Dept. of Ecology (DOE)-CSTF Lead Chemist ★
- Caroline West, Dept. of Health (DOH)-Metals Workgroup Lead & Facilitator ★
- Nicholas Poolman, Liquor and Cannabis Board (WLSCB) ★
- Mike Firman, Dept. of Agriculture (WSDA) ★
- Tania Sasaki, Confidence Analytics ★
- Srinivasa Reddy Mallampati, Medicine Creek Analytics ★
- Curtis Deer, Institute of Food Safety and Defense ★
- Tim McCall, Dragon Analytical Laboratory ★

CSTF Workgroups (Metals, Potency, PT, etc.) Support Staff:

- Anastacia Green, Dept. of Ecology (DOE)- CSTF Secretary Senior ★

Meeting Update: General Topics

Topics Discussed

- 1. Continued Discussion on Performance vs Prescriptive Methodology
- 2. Discussed Motion to remove term “inorganic” from Arsenic testing
- 3. Started going through the QC comparison document & discussing the various types of QCs for 5 different methods/labs
- 4. Will continue to go through QC documents
- 5. Discussed some good practices that may become recommendations later.

Responses to Topics

- 1. Need to take an official “yay vs nay” vote to make sure everyone’s voice is heard. Lots of Pros and Cons discussed for both. Sent out survey to capture individual opinions more clearly.
- 2. This is already being discussed but since it has not officially been removed from all sources we wanted to make a motion- Unanimous decision.
- 3. We are analyzing how several different labs/methods handle QC and validation. We want to get harmonized terminology and criteria planned.
- 4. We still have 1 more document to go through on the comparison chart & then plan to discuss which QC types should be required, recommended, or optional.
- 5. There are some good ideas such as adding stabilizers for Hg, collision or reaction cell for As, and term/unit harmonization.