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Dear AUCP Stakeholders,

I write today with an important update regarding the administrative regulations that govern the Adult Use Cannabis Program (AUCP).

Today, per the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (MAPA), the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) is starting the process of formally engaging in routine technical rulemaking to make changes to the *Rules for the Certification of Cannabis Testing Facilities*, 18-691 CMR, ch. 5 and *Rules for the Testing of Adult Use Cannabis*, 18-691 CMR, ch. 40.

The proposed Chapter 5 rulemaking does the following:

- Defines often-used but previously undefined terminology;
- Clarifies the annual assessment process;
- Clarifies the requirements applicable to quality control, standard operating procedures, chain of custody records, and sample rejection;
- Requires that samples not meeting acceptance criteria be rejected by the cannabis testing facility that received it; and
- Updates the mandatory testing requirements applicable to edible cannabis products.

The proposed Chapter 40 rulemaking does the following:

- Incorporates changes to the laws regarding mandatory testing of edible cannabis products;
- Clarifies what tests are required for cannabis and cannabis products in final form;
- Clarifies the requirements applicable to retests for potency; and
- Updates the standard operating procedure that must be used by all adult use cannabis program participants collecting, handling, transporting, and receiving samples of cannabis or cannabis products for mandatory testing.

We invite you to review Chapter 5 and Chapter 40 and provide your written feedback. A copy of the proposed rules and public comment forms can be found on [the OCP website](#).

OCP will accept comments starting today, July 15, 2026, through **August 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** We ask that you please be specific in your comments.

Public participation is a critical component of the MAPA process. As such, OCP is also holding an in-person public hearing on Monday, August 3, 2026, to take public comments and questions.

**Public Hearing
Monday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m.
19 Union Street, Room 324
Augusta, Maine**

In addition to the in-person public hearing, OCP will be accepting written public comments until August 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Either or both avenues may be utilized by interested members of the public to provide feedback to OCP on the format, content, and/or application of the proposed rules.

Once the public comment process is complete, OCP will consider the feedback received and make revisions to the rule as appropriate. Following these revisions, OCP will finally adopt these routine technical rules which will go into effect 5 days after adoption.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. We look forward to engaging with you over the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hudak', with a stylized, cursive script.

John Hudak
Director