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Sent via Electronic Delivery

August 12, 2022

Method Testing Laboratories, LLC
d/b/a Method Testing Labs
c/o Robert Radke
4620 Eagle Falls Place
Tampa, FL 33916
rcradke@methodtestinglabs.com

Re: Notice of Violation

Reference Number: 00009155

Dear Mr. Radke,

The Florida Department of Health (“Department”) has determined that Method Testing Laboratories, LLC (“Method Labs”), a Certified Marijuana Testing Laboratory (“CMTL”) engaged in an activity that was not in compliance with Emergency Rule 64ER20-39.

On July 14, 2022, the Department requested documents from Method Labs in the form of Data Packages for the following samples:

- 2205CTB0006-001;
- 2206CTB0059-008;
- 2206CTB0072-001;
- 2206CTB0044-002;
- 2206CTB0059-005;
- 2206CTB0046-002;
- 2205CTB0036-004; and
- 2206CTB0005-003.

On July 19, 2022, the Department received the requested data package. Discrepancies were found in the data for the following samples:

- 2206CTB0059-008;
- 2206CTB0072-001;
- 2206CTB0044-002;
- 2206CTB0059-005;
- 2206CTB0046-002; and
- 2206CTB0005-003.

In these data packages, the preparation weight reported on the sample prep log was not consistent with the preparation weight reported on the Certificate of Analysis (“COA”). After further investigation, the Department has determined that the sample weight recorded on the COAs to calculate Usable Whole Flower Potency was corrected to dry weight.

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Emergency Rule 64ER20-39(3) states that "Usable Whole Flower Potency must be reported at the CMTL-tested Moisture content." A CMTL that reports false or inaccurate information on a COA is subject to penalties ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per violation. *Emergency Rule 64ER22-5(11)(xx)*.

Based on the forgoing, the Department is fining Method Labs as follows:

- \$6,000 for reporting inaccurate information on six COAs (CMTL Batch #s 2206CTB0059-008, 2206CTB0072-001, 2206CTB0044-002, 2206CTB0059-005, 2206CTB0046-002, and 2206CTB0005-003).

Method Labs must deliver to the Department a total payment of \$3000.00, no later than 21 calendar days from the date of this letter. The reference number noted above must be included with payment to ensure it is applied appropriately. Further, Method Labs must submit a written corrective action plan to resolve the identified violations, compliant with Emergency Rule 64ER22-5(4), within 7 calendar days of receipt of this letter.

If any responses contain confidential information, Method Labs must identify the specific public records exemption claimed at the time of submittal and provide an accompanying redacted version of the document(s) with only the confidential portion redacted, by submitting to OMMUlabs@flhealth.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department directly for assistance.

Please mail the check to:
Florida Department of Health
Attn: Office of Medical Marijuana Use
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin M-01
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Sincerely,



Christopher Ferguson, Director
Office of Medical Marijuana Use

cc:

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This letter is agency action for purposes of section 120.569, Florida Statutes. A party whose substantial interest is affected by this action may petition for an administrative hearing pursuant to sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. A petition must be filed in writing and must be received by the Agency Clerk within twenty-one (21) days from receipt of this notice.

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The petition may be mailed to the Agency Clerk, Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN #A-02, Tallahassee, FL 32399- 1703; hand delivered to the Agency Clerk, Department of Health, 2585 Merchants Row Blvd., Prather Building, Suite 110, Tallahassee, FL; or sent by facsimile to (850) 413-8743. Such petition must be filed in conformance with Florida Administrative Code Rules 28-106.201 or 28-106.301, as applicable.

Mediation is not available.

Failure to file a petition within 21 days shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing on this agency action.