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RE: Return of Services at the Environmental Health Laboratory

To our valued clients:

Now that the Fiscal Year 2016 budget has been resolved, the Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Health, Environmental Health Laboratory (EHL) is resuming testing operations as outlined below for our normal schedule.

- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday-Friday.
- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted Monday-Wednesday.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday-Friday, however the testing will be conducted when samples are pooled for efficiency, but not less than once a month.
- Dairy testing is scheduled once a month with samples acceptance scheduled accordingly.
- Animal health samples will be accepted Monday-Friday thru June 30, 2015.

This schedule is subject to change due to holidays, audits, proficiency tests, building/equipment maintenance, or other resource limitations.

NOTE: Critical building maintenance activity has already been scheduled for June 26, 2015 which will not allow for safe laboratory testing on that day. A separate notice of sample acceptance and testing schedule will be forthcoming for the week of June 22nd.

Assistance is available with timing of samples collections, completion of submission forms, packaging, temperature requirements, shipping, and sample tracking. Sampling questions, planned sampling activities, and shipping notifications, can be made to DEC.EH-Lab-ShippingReceiving@alaska.gov or 907-375-8231.

It is a relief that the shutdown has been averted and services are continuing without disruption.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patryce D. McKinney".

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