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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of Nov. 21 – Nov. 25, 2016

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Additionally, the EHL will be **closed** on Friday, November 25th as a designated furlough day.

As a result, the sample acceptance schedule for that week must be modified, as follows:

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted on Monday Nov. 21 and by noon on Tuesday Nov. 22.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday Nov. 21, Tuesday Nov. 22, and by noon on Wednesday Nov. 23.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Monday Nov. 21 and by noon Tuesday Nov. 22, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday Nov. 21 – Wednesday Nov. 23, however the testing will be conducted when samples are pooled for efficiency.
- Dairy testing is scheduled once a month, as normal, and is already be completed for November.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Nov. 28.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday Nov. 28, 2016.

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.

Regards,

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

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