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RE: 2018 Testing schedule for PST samples using HPLC-PCOX method

To our valued clients:

As mentioned in our June 21, 2016 memo, the research and recreational samples analyzed by HPLC-PCOX method will be scheduled as one week per month. Similar to other low volume yet necessary services, the EHL will accept samples for the HPLC-PCOX method at any time, however, all samples submitted will be analyzed as a group during the next scheduled testing week, per the schedule below. The turnaround time (date expected for results) will be based on the testing week, rather than the date of arrival at EHL. Our goal is a preliminary result within 5 business days and a final report within 10 business days.

Due to the fact that samples are usually collected around the lowest negative tide for the month, and to provide ample time for sample preparation and shipping, the testing schedule for the 2018 calendar year will be as follows:

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| January 16, 2018 | May 29, 2018 | September 17, 2018 |
| February 12, 2018 | June 25, 2018 | November 5, 2018 |
| March 12, 2018 | July 23, 2018 | December 3, 2018 |
| April 30, 2018 | August 20, 2018 | January 7, 2019 |

Dates are based approximately 1 week after the date of lowest negative tides.

In order to have your samples tested during these weeks, they must be received by the EHL by 4:30 pm the Friday of the preceding week.

Assistance is available with timing of sample collections, completion of submission forms, packaging and temperature requirements, shipping, and sample tracking. As always, sampling questions, planned sampling activities, and shipping notifications should be directed 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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