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RE: 2019 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 approximately 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 2019 calendar year will be as follows:

January 7, 2019	June 3, 2019	October 7, 2019
February 4, 2019	June 24, 2019	November 12, 2019
March 4, 2019	July 15, 2019	December 9, 2019
April 1, 2019	August 12, 2019	January 6, 2020
May 6, 2019	September 9, 2019	

Dates are based at least 1 week after the date of lowest negative tides to provide ample time for sample preparation and shipping.

In order to ensure your samples are 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 "P. McKinney".

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