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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory adjusted schedule week of June 22-26, 2015

To our valued clients:

A critical building maintenance activity is occurring on Friday June 26, 2015, which could create an unsafe environment for testing to occur. As a result, the sample acceptance schedule for that week must be modified, as follows:

- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday June 22-**Thursday June 25**.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday June 22-**Thursday June 25**, however the testing will be conducted when samples are pooled for efficiency.
- Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) will be accepted Monday June 22-**Thursday June 25, 2015**. Note: As of July 1st, EHL will no longer perform EIA, Johne's, or Brucellosis testing.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Monday June 22-**1:00pm Wednesday June 24, 2015**
- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted Monday-Wednesday, as normal.
- Dairy testing is scheduled once a month, as normal, and is already scheduled for June 2015.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday June 29, 2015 with the exception of EIA, Johne's, and Brucellosis which will no longer be performed at EHL starting Wednesday July 1, 2015.

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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