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RE: 2020 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 2020 calendar year will be as follows:

January 6, 2020	May 18, 2020	September 28, 2020
January 21, 2020	June 15, 2020	October 26, 2020
February 18, 2020	July 13, 2020	November 30, 2020
March 16, 2020	August 3, 2020	December 28, 2020
April 20, 2020	August 31, 2020	

Dates are the start of the work week, 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](mailto: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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