

OTAC BULLETTS

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Hillsboro, OR

- Chris Redman reports that ORELAP now has 26 accredited Cannabis labs and half a dozen more in the pipeline. There are 109 primary labs and 30 secondary labs (includes both in -state and out-of-state labs)
- To keep up with audits the ORELAP staff now must complete 6 audits per month. The environmental labs are generally looking good and not taking too much time. The cannabis labs require more attention.
- OLCC is trying to get the cannabis industry up to speed with sampling. They hope to have some sort of facility where the cannabis people can come to show their skills for sampling accreditation rather than have people from the state travel all over for on-site visits.
- OHA, Ag, Med Marijuana, and ORELAP all have fingers in the cannabis industry and are now beginning to work together. Hoping to have joint visits rather than separate visits to various cannabis facilities.
- Portland wastewater is looking at a pilot study of cannabis industry effluent. The Waste-water pretreatment program has the lead.
- The cannabis people are having problems with lab analysis when it come to potency. Different labs are returning different results. For retail the difference between 20% and 18% THC is a big deal. In the lab a 20% difference is within acceptable limits. They are looking at packaging labels showing a “range”.
- The medical Marijuana people want to get one-on-one with growers to verify how handled from field to transport to lab.
- General cannabis “flow” is field to aggrigator (dried / trimmed / packed / etc.) then sampled and to the lab for analysis.

- OTAC Membership --- Dennis Wells will remain on the board for another term. Ken is leaving and needs to be replaced with someone from the private laboratory community.
- The RAC for third party assessors is pretty much a moot point now. It looks like the state will have auditors for everything. ----- They have not met to discuss this issue so Kim and Dennis have not been requested for their input.

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