

May 3, 2021

Re: **PT round originally scheduled for March 2021**

Dear PT Participants,

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is still under lockdown due to COVID restrictions in Ontario. As such, PTC will not be able to ship all of the PT samples that we had planned for May 17. However, we have made arrangements with Phenova to prepare many of the samples normally made by ECCC. The following PT will be shipped, as planned, on May 17:

- C02A: Metals in Water – Full Range (Phenova)
- C02B: Metals in Water – High Range (Phenova)
- C02C: Metals in Water – Total (Phenova)
- C03: Complex Nutrients in Water (Phenova)
- C04B: BOD in Water (Phenova)
- C04D: COD in Water (Phenova)
- C05A: Microbiology in Water (CMPT)
- C05B: Microbiology in Water – Presence/Absence (CMPT)
- C14: Cyanide in Water (Phenova)
- C19: Mercury in Water (Phenova)
- C33: 4AAP Phenolics in Water (Phenova)
- C42: Sulphide in Water (Phenova)

All of the samples provided from Phenova will require a 10 to 1000 mL dilution prior to analysis. Instructions will be available on the PTC website shortly.

The following samples will be shipped on May 31:

- C70: Potency in Cannabis
- C71: Pesticides in Cannabis
- C72: Metals in Hemp
- C73: Residual Solvents in Hemp Oil
- C78: Moisture/Water Activity in Hemp

The reporting deadline for both of these shipments will be June 25.

As soon as we have a firm date when ECCC can return to work, we will inform all participants when the shipping date for the remaining samples will be. In either case, that shipment will be handled as a separate PT round, with a separate PT report. The affected samples are:

- C01A: Major Ions in Water
- C01B: Simple Nutrients in water
- C04A: Solids in Water
- C04C: Turbidity in Water
- C11: Trout Toxicity

- C12: Daphnia Toxicity
- C13: Microtox
- C15: pH in Water
- C32: Chlorine in Water
- C37: Colour in Water

I apologize for the inconvenience that these disruptions to the PT schedule have caused. Rest assured that we will make every effort to ensure that every participant receives the PT samples that they are registered for.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Middlebrook', written in a cursive style.

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