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Washington Takes Action On Pot Pesticide Policy

Washington CannaBusiness Association applauds State for adopting action levels for pesticide detection and safety, a key policy priority for the industry association

WASHINGTON – The Washington CannaBusiness Association (WACA) today applauded the announcement by the state Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) to immediately adopt emergency rules setting pesticide action levels to “establish a point at which a marijuana sample fails quality assurance testing and may be subject to destruction or a recall.” The updated rules reflect a shared priority of WACA members for product and consumer safety and LCB’s announcement is welcome news for those committed to building a safe, quality-controlled marketplace for regulated marijuana.

WACA was the primary industry voice in support of pesticide action levels, including its advocacy for science-based best practices for governing pesticide use at the LCB [earlier this year](#). WACA argued, and the LCB agreed, that pesticide action levels are standard in the food industry and other industries that create products for human consumption. Previously, tolerance standards were applied to pesticides in marijuana that were out of alignment with analogous industries, did not recognize the presence of pesticides in our natural environment and were impossible to verify in the lab.

“The LCB’s decision to adopt a science-based approach to pesticide testing is a clear win in our shared work to protect public safety,” **said WACA Executive Director Vicki Christophersen**. “Our members are committed to supporting a safe, quality-controlled and regulated cannabis industry. That’s why we are encouraged by the collaborative and dedicated approach that the LCB commissioners and staff are employing to adopt policies that enable marijuana businesses to confidently support public safety within a regulated industry. While there is still much more work to be done, we look forward to continuing to share the unique insights of our members as the LCB continues to consider regulations to support a safe and successful marketplace.”

About Washington CannaBusiness Association

Washington CannaBusiness Association solely represents Washington’s licensed and regulated cannabis businesses and provides its members with general support and

representation before regulatory agencies and the legislature. As an association of cannabis producers, processors and retailers who have gathered to promote the private cannabis industry created by Initiative 502 and our member companies, our mission is to advocate on behalf of our member companies in the legislative, regulatory, legal and public policy arenas.

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