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Mr. Justin Goins
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Notice of Violation: N.J.A.C 8:64-9.1 Alternative treatment centers policies, procedures and records
N.J.A.C 8:64-10.3 Recordkeeping
N.J.A.C 8:64-10.5 Storage of marijuana
N.J.A.C 8:64-10.7 Processing and packaging of marijuana

Mr. Goins,

While conducting a review of Verano's inventory via BioTrack it was found that a large Batch of G6 Flower was moved to waste, 0373 9397 0855 9222 (11,510.63g). This batch had a "strain note" attached stating, "grow manager advised". This was brought to your attention for further explanation.

You stated, "A portion of the lot (11,510.63) was slotted for extraction once allowed to resume manufacturing. During QC checks and burping of lots in the cure room it appeared that this portion of the lot was contaminated. While we can't be 100% positive it appeared that some of the material may have been swept up from the floor. Given the Departments recent direction that material from the floor cannot be sent to extraction that portion of the lot was sent to waste in an abundance of caution.

Please note that this is an old lot came into existence on October 10. Anything that touches the floor has been sent to waste ever since the Department gave the instruction that floor material cannot be sent to extraction which I believe was in December 2020."

Verano was issued a violation in December 2020 regarding the practice of sending flower swept from the floor to extraction and not to waste. The DMM was assured by [REDACTED] that all floor swept flower that was set for extract had been moved to waste and destroyed. In light of your admission that "material may have been swept up from the floor" it is mandatory that all batches that have been sent to packaging prior to the December 2020 violation that remain in inventory are sent to quarantine and set for destruction under the supervision of the NJ DMM.

These batches include:

STRAIN	BATCH NUMBER	AMOUNT IN GRAMS
G-Purps	8371 1924 0830 4220	411.2
Sunshine OG	0972 7106 1619 9766	675
G-Purps	9382 2584 7269 6833	308
Motorbreath	3289 2355 2190 0043	594.77
Sonny G	2269 9611 1461 0309	636.97
East Coast Sour Diesel	6268 7343 9805 8449	412.26
Sonny G	2486 1318 8870 8186	5291.44
G6	1572 1875 1081 4556	23333.7
G-Purps	3733 4474 5317 3418	6127.8
Motorbreath	0184 3235 8336 4578	5163.63
Sunshine OG	4675 9891 5844 6708	3774.57
East Coast Sour Diesel	5833 8555 1902 8470	11120.3

Also discovered during the review of Verano's inventory was that Batch 0373 9397 0855 9222, the initial batch, was being stored in your Cure Room. Product that is "off stem" or has been through any form of the trimming process is considered by the NJ DMM to be usable and must be stored securely in compliance with 21 CFR 1301.72. All usable product currently being stored in your Cure Room must be relocated immediately.

Furthermore, Verano shall submit a corrective action plan within 7 calendar days that provides an explanation and remedy to the above violation. Also, Verano will provide the information of the employees involved as well as the corrective actions taken with copies of documentation regarding retraining and discipline.

A DMM Monitoring Report will be completed on this incident referring to a violation of N.J.A.C 8:64-9.1 Alternative treatment centers policies, procedures and records, N.J.A.C 8:64-10.3 Recordkeeping, N.J.A.C 8:64-10.5 Storage of marijuana, N.J.A.C 8:64-10.7 Processing and packaging of marijuana. However, DMM will update this violation as being in compliance when your corrective action and retraining documents have been received and approved.

Thank You,



Melissa Jenkins