

CONSUMER BEWARE!

At ProVerde we see contaminated products on a daily basis.  More often than not, contamination arises from people and/or organizations with good intentions.  Sometimes people unknowingly purchase contaminated products, sometimes a crop turned moldy through no fault of the grower, sometimes a neighboring grower sprayed pesticides that blew over to their field, sometimes people have no idea about the heavy metals in their soil/water/nutrients until they test their plants, perhaps you’re fine-tuning how long it takes to remove residual solvents, etc.  The list goes on and on for all the reasons why a good intentioned person or organization may fail a test.  After all, failing a test isn’t nearly as bad as not testing in the first place as most types of failure can be remediated in one way or another.  However, there are a number of “bad actors” truly hurting the Cannabis and Hemp Industries.

As a testing lab with some sophisticated technology and chemists, there’s a lot that we see going on behind the scenes that consumers are blind to.  As members of a fledgling industry, we feel that it’s part of our corporate and social responsibility to shed light on the few people and organizations that are hurting our industries.  These are the people that behave fraudulently and are solely motivated by money to the detriment of the safety and well-being of others.  Unfortunately, most recently we have seen a number of producers using paint thinner for their extraction and/or post-processing solvents, especially as it pertains to CBD Isolates.  Paint thinner is cheap because it contains a hogwash of extraordinarily toxic volatile organic compounds, like Cyclohexane and Dichloroethane, is a byproduct of the oil refining process, and it’s completely inappropriate - let alone unethical - for use in processing consumable products.  Furthermore, the makeup of the VOCs in paint thinner changes from batch to batch and bottle to bottle, so it’s nearly impossible to create a standardized process to effectively remove them from cannabis and/or hemp extracts.  The inhalation of paint thinner can cause central nervous system depression, respiratory arrest and even death.  As an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory, although we are not at liberty to disclose client information, we feel that it’s our responsibility to let the public know when producers blatantly disregard public safety for the sole benefit of their pockets.

 Always make sure your products are safe to consume and consult with your physician.

 Thanks,

The ProVerde Team

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