



Hello S3 Collective friend,

Welcome to S3 Collective's May 2024 Newsletter! You've probably heard this by now, but we stand at a pivotal moment in U.S. history, witnessing long-awaited action on the rescheduling of cannabis. As policies evolve, this shift underscores the critical need for science-based standards to ensure the safety of cannabinoid products. S3 Collective is harnessing this historic opportunity to ensure science is firmly on the public comment record. We invite you to support our efforts and consider making a [donation](#) to help us continue this crucial work.

Additionally, we are proud to announce S3 Collective's acceptance into the **FDA's Network of Experts (NoE) program**. S3 Collective is the **first cannabis-related nonprofit** to participate in this initiative. Read more [here](#). Please share this exciting news on social media and tag us!

Why tune in? Our newsletter is your window into the evolving world of cannabis standards, science, and safety! Please forward this to someone you feel may be interested in our newsletter and let them know that they can [sign up here](#) for free.

– *David Vaillencourt & Alena Rodriguez, Co-Founders*

What's inside this edition?

- S3 Collective Updates
- Standards, Science, and Safety Spotlights
- Upcoming Events

- State Regulatory Meetings and Public Comment Periods

Have an idea to improve our newsletter or want to get more involved with S3 Collective? Simply reply or fill out the form on our website [here](#).

S3 Collective Updates

- **Sponsorships** for an exclusive Networking Event during ASTM D37's Committee Week are available. Elevate your brand and support standards development with S3 Collective!
- We recently welcomed **Scheril Murray Powell** to the S3 Collective Board Of Directors.
- Check out the S3 Collective [website](#) and sign our [pledge](#)!

A promotional graphic for the S3 Collective D37 Networking Event. The background is a dark, blue-tinted image of a bar or restaurant interior with glasses and bottles on a counter. Overlaid on this is a white rectangular frame containing the event details. At the top left is the S3 Collective logo, a stylized starburst. To its right is the text 'S3 Collective' in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with 'STANDARDS • SCIENCE • SAFETY' in a smaller font below it. Below this is the text 'D37 NETWORKING EVENT' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. In the center is a large, stylized 'Save the Date' graphic in a cursive script. Below that is the date '6/10/2024' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the date is the time '6:00pm - 9:00pm' in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom is the location 'McGillin's Old Ale House at 1310 Drury St, Philly, PA' and the note 'Food and drinks will be provided' in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font.

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D37 NETWORKING EVENT

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Standards Snapshot

What to Expect at ASTM D37 Committee Week

Committee Week is coming up! Twice a year, D37 members meet in person to work on standards. These meetings provide beneficial networking opportunities and exposure to different perspectives from diverse stakeholders working within, supporting, regulating, or benefiting from the cannabis industry. These meetings are held each January and June and are scheduled years in advance.

D37 will meet next in **Philadelphia, PA** from 6/10 - 6/12/24. [Click here](#) for the schedule. We hope to see you there!



ASTM D37 Open Ballots

- D37.02 Quality Management Systems Subcommittee: Standard Guide for Allergen Control in the Manufacturing of Cannabinoid-Containing Edibles, Beverages, and Dietary Supplements WK85669 (*closes 5/27/24*)
- D37.06 Personnel Training, Assessment, Credentialing Subcommittee: Standard Guide for Training Requirements for Herbal Extraction Related Professions Within the Cannabis and Hemp Industries WK86722 (*closes 5/28/24*)
- D37 Main Committee: Standard Guide for Techniques to Lower Microbial Load of Post-Harvest Inflorescence of Cannabis sativa L WK87031 (*closes 5/31/24*)

Six Types of ASTM Standards

Did you know there are different types of standards? Below we review the differences between ASTM's standards. More information [here](#).

- Test Methods are instructions on how to conduct tests and generate test results.
- Specifications are requirements for materials, products, systems, or services.
- Classifications organize materials, products, systems, or services into categories.
- Practices are instructions on how to perform a process that does not produce a test result.
- Guides are suggestions and options on how to perform a process.
- Terminology standards are lists of definitions for common terms.

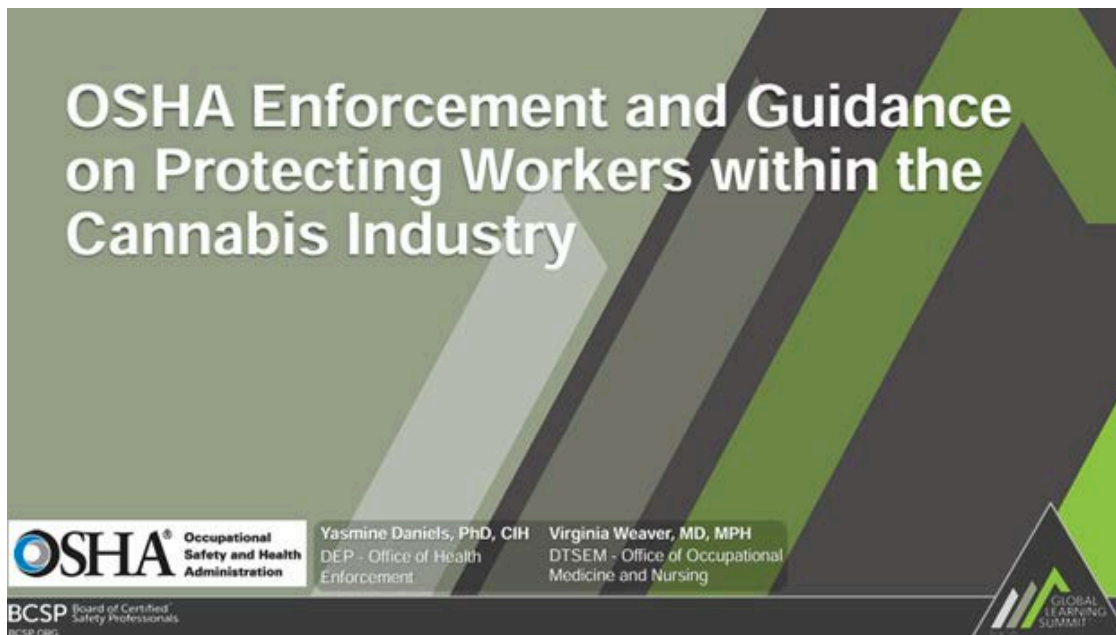
Science Spotlight

Discover key interviews, insights, and presentation highlights from the **Cannabis Science Conference** held in Kansas City, Missouri earlier this month.

The proposal to reclassify cannabis as a Schedule III drug will ease some research restrictions but won't eliminate all limitations or reduce potential risks, according to scientists. Read more [here](#).

Safety Scoop

OSHA hosted a webinar on Enforcement and Guidance on Protecting Workers within the Cannabis Industry in April to discuss the ongoing work to protect cannabis industry workers. The webinar is available on demand [here](#).



Events

- **5/30: FDA Webinar** on Basic Mushroom Growing, Harvesting, Holding, and Packing Activities Under the Produce Safety Rule
- **6/10 - 6/12: ASTM D37 Committee Week** in Philadelphia, PA (You won't want to miss the in-person only Workshop on 6/10 from 1 - 5:30pm!)
- **8/07 - 8/09: Cannabis Research Conference** in Fort Collins, CO

Workshop on Cannabis Medicine Quality – Barriers, Gaps, and Opportunities for Global Standards

June 10, 2024 - Philadelphia, PA

Join ASTM Committee D37 as we discuss pressing issues around the medical and scientific use of cannabis and work to develop an action plan for the development of related standards and practices.

Rulemaking Meetings and Public Comment Periods

All times listed are in local time.

- **Alaska** - The Marijuana Control Board (MCB)'s Cannabis Testing Lab User Group will meet 6/06 from 9:30 - 11:30am (virtual). The next MCB Board Meeting is on 6/26 (in-person and virtual). Additionally, the MCB has public comment periods open for proposed changes on overlapping premises and plant height, both closing on 6/10 at 4:30pm.

- **Arkansas** - The Arkansas Dept. of Health, Medical Marijuana Section, is taking [public comments](#) until 6/18 on proposed revisions to registration, testing, and labeling rules. Check out page 20 of the PDF, where it is proposed to utilize [ASTM D8441](#) standard symbol for cannabis products.

(6) The universal symbol:

- (a) Must be at least 0.5 inches wide by 0.35 inches high.
- (b) May only be used by a cultivation facility, processor, or dispensary.
- (c) Shall utilize the ASTM D8441, the International Intoxicating Cannabis Product Symbol, as adopted by American Society for Testing and Materials:



- **California** - The next Cannabis Advisory Committee (CAC) Laboratory Subcommittee will meet on 6/06 at 10am ([virtual](#)).
- **Colorado** - The Marijuana Enforcement Division's (MED) Science and Policy Forum will meet on 6/07 from 11am - 1pm ([virtual](#)).
- **Connecticut** - The Connecticut Dept. of Consumer Protection is holding a public meeting on 6/07 at 9am to discuss potential impacts of rescheduling on the Medical Marijuana Program and petitions to add debilitating conditions ([virtual](#)).
- **Delaware** - The Office of the Marijuana Commissioner (OMC) posted the proposed adult use marijuana regulations and are [accepting public comments](#) until 6/03. Send your comments to OMC@delaware.gov.
- **Illinois** - The Cannabis Regulation Oversight Officer (CROO) distributed the [2024 Diversity Survey](#) to assess diversity and identify barriers in the Illinois cannabis industry; firms and employees who didn't receive it can request a link via the "[Contact Us](#)" page.
- **Kentucky** - The Medical Cannabis Program has filed regulations for medical cannabis patients and caregivers to become cardholders, including certification and application procedures, and is [accepting public comments](#) until 5/31.

- **Maine** - The Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) announced that it is seeking qualified applicants to fill seats on its newly created Cannabis Hospitality Task Force .Interested individuals have until 5/31 to apply to be on the task force.
- **Maryland** - The Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) Advisory Board on Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis will meet on 5/23 at 2pm (virtual).
- **Massachusetts** - The Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) will have public meetings on 5/23, 6/13, and 7/11 (all virtual and at 10am).
- **Michigan** - The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) will host an education session on the Ten Most Cited Violations for the Cannabis Industry on 6/06 at 10am (virtual) and a public meeting on 6/13 at 9:30am (in-person at the CRA Building and virtual).
- **Nevada** - The Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) will meet next on 6/20 (in-person and virtual).
- **New Hampshire** - The next Therapeutic Cannabis Medical Oversight Board meeting will be on 6/05 (in person and virtual).
- **New Jersey** - The next Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) public meetings will be on 6/06 and 7/18 at 11am, unless otherwise noted (in person).
- **Rhode Island** - The Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) may tentatively have meetings on 5/31, 6/14, or 6/28, posted 48-hours in advance (in-person).
- **Vermont** - The Cannabis Control Board (CCB) will hold the next public meetings on 5/29 and 6/26 at 1pm (virtual). They will also be hosting a cannabis licensee peer networking event on 6/19 at 10am (virtual).
- **Washington** - The Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) is holding a social equity rulemaking session on 6/18 to present a recommendation regarding the principal display panel of cylindrical cannabis packages (virtual).
- **West Virginia** - The Office of Medical Cannabis (OMC) will be scheduling a June meeting for the Medical Cannabis Advisory Board (TBD).

Are we missing one from your state? **Let us know!**

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