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Dear S3 Collective friend,

Happy New Year from S3 Collective! As we step into 2025, we're excited to share the first edition of our newsletter for the year with you. This year, we're committed more than ever to advancing our mission to accelerate the *Scientific* research needed to develop and improve *Standards* that will ensure consumer and patient *Safety*.

In this issue, you'll find updates on our recent accomplishments, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved. Together, let's make 2025 a year of meaningful impact and collective growth. Thank you for being a vital part of our journey!



Technical Expert volunteers at the January 2025 ASTM Committee Week in Houston, TX working on standard development for D37 Committee on Cannabis.

Want to support our cause? Your tax-deductible [donations](#) help us continue working a real difference!

Want to help? Get added to our [volunteer list](#) for future projects.

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

S3C Updates

S3C proudly welcomes **Dr. Leah Johnson, PharmD, MS**, as our new Board Member and Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC), bringing unparalleled expertise in integrative healthcare and medical cannabis.

We also welcome **Karen Jaynes, MS, eRYT**, as our Education Advisor, where she will lead educational initiatives, including a capstone project exploring a new public health standard and engaging students in standard development.

On 1/27, we hosted an incredible [Networking Event](#) during **ASTM D37's Committee Week in Houston, TX**. A huge thank you to our sponsors, **Ziel and Accuris**, for making it possible! See some photos from the event below.

Don't miss out on the next ASTM Committee Week! **The next meeting is being held in Toronto from 6/23 - 6/25**. Mark your calendars now!







S3C's David Vaillencourt joined Darwin Millard from Cannabis Safety & Quality (CSQ), one of S3C's Founding Members, and Pablo Mitre on a panel moderated by Ian Dominguez about product safety, product testing, and QA/QC at **CannaDataCon in Miami, FL on 2/06**. You can watch the presentations from CannaDataCon [here](#).



Darwin Millard (CSQ) and David Vaillencourt (S3C) at CannaDataCon on 2/06.

Standards Snapshot

Vaping may be marketed as a 'safer' alternative, but how safe is your device? With growing concerns about metal contamination, silica dust exposure, and inconsistent device performance, the **ASTM D37 Vape Device Safety & Testing Initiative** is working to develop much-needed standards. [Find out what's being done](#)—and why it matters.

ASTM D37 Subcommittee Open Ballots - **Vote by 3/07**

- D37.02 Quality Management Systems: [WK93279](#) Guide for Cannabinoid Management for Storage/Manufacturing/Distribution
- D37.10 Financial Services and Insurance: [WK91267](#) Guide for Accounts Receivable & Collections

ASTM D37 Main Committee Open Ballots - **Vote by 3/10**

- Reapproval of [D8286-2019](#) Guide for Processing Cannabis Product Complaints (WK93759)
- Revision of [D8556-2024](#) Practice for Requirements of a Quality Management System for Cannabis and Hemp Operations (WK93459)

- [WK83754](#) Guide for Change Control in the Cannabis Operations
- Revision Of [D8282-2019](#) Practice for Laboratory Test Method Validation and Method Development (WK93660)
- Revision Of [D8233-2019](#) Guide for Packaging and Labeling of Consumer Resin Cannabis Products for Sale to Adult Consumers, Legally Authorized Medical Users, and Caregivers in a Business-to-Consumer Retail Environment (Retailers) (WK91620)

Science Spotlight

Calling all cannabis researchers! Clinical Therapeutics is accepting submissions for a special issue on cannabis research and policy, guest-edited by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's Research Department. [Submit your work by 9/01](#), for the opportunity to be featured in this peer-reviewed journal.

From the illusion of strain categories to the industry's struggle with siloed data, cannabis science is at a crossroads. Are we truly advancing knowledge—or just reinforcing comfortable myths? [Read how breaking free from expectancy bias and fragmented research](#) could redefine the future of cannabis.

As cases of Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome (CHS) increase, Dr. Ethan Russo shares new **research on genetic susceptibility, treatment challenges, and how legalization—not prohibition—could be the key** to addressing this emerging public health issue. [Read more](#) and [watch](#) the recording.

Safety Scoop

Banning hemp products won't improve public safety—but smart regulation can. A new [Rice University Baker Institute report](#) outlines how Texas can protect consumers, reduce criminal market risks, and create a well-regulated hemp industry without resorting to prohibition.

Cannabis and hemp industry workers face serious, yet often overlooked, health risks—including respiratory distress from allergens. OSHA and researchers are investigating workplace hazards and developing strategies to protect employees. [Learn what's being done to improve safety in cultivation and processing facilities.](#)



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Events

- **4/06/25 - 4/09/25:** [A2LA Annual Conference](#) in Dallas, TX
- **4/07/25 - 4/10/25:** [International Conference on the Science of Botanicals](#) (ICSB) in Oxford, MS
- **4/10/25 - 4/12/25:** [NoCo Hemp Expo](#) in Estes Park, CO
- **4/29/25 - 5/01/25:** [MJUnpacked](#) in Atlantic City, NJ
- **5/19/25 - 5/20/25:** [Psychedelic Therapeutics and Drug Development Conference](#) in San Diego, CA
- **5/30/25 - 6/01/25:** [Florida Medical Cannabis Conference](#) in Orlando, FL
- **6/16/25 - 6/20/25:** [Psychedelic Science](#) in Denver, CO
- **6/17/25 - 6/20/25:** [CannMed](#) in Río Grande, Puerto Rico
- **6/23/25 - 6/25/25:** [ASTM D37 Committee Week](#) in Toronto, Canada
- **7/13/25 - 7/18/25:** [Neurobiology of Psychedelics Gordon Research Conference](#) in Smithfield, RI
- **8/23/25 - 8/28/25:** [AOAC International Annual Meeting](#) in San Diego, CA

Rulemaking Meetings, Regulatory Events, & Public Comments

All times listed are in local time.

- The **FDA** proposed updates to its adverse event reporting program to include "Cannabinoid Hemp Products" as a distinct category for the first time. This change could improve safety data collection and support better regulatory oversight. The

[public comment period](#) is open until 3/18, providing an opportunity to ensure broader cannabinoid products, including THC, are properly addressed.

- The **FDA** is seeking public comments, especially from veterinarians, on the use of cannabis-derived products (CDPs) like CBD in animals. This request aims to gather insights on usage trends, safety concerns, and potential benefits, with the [public comment period open until 4/16](#).
- **Alabama** - The Medical Cannabis Commission (MCC) will meet next on [2/13](#) at 1pm.
- **Arizona** - The Medical Marijuana Testing Advisory Council (MMTAC) met on [12/30](#).
- **Colorado** - The Marijuana Enforcement Division's (MED) Cannabis Sustainability Work Group met on [1/07](#) and [1/27](#). Their Science & Policy Forum met on [2/07](#).
- **D.C.** - The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABC) Board meets every Wednesday except when in recess. [This calendar](#) details meeting dates, with the next ones on 2/12 and 2/26.
- **Georgia** - The Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission will be meeting virtually on [2/12](#) at 4pm. They last met on [1/15](#).
- **Kentucky** - The Office of Medical Cannabis will host a webinar on [2/12](#) at 12pm.
- **Maine** - The Office of Cannabis Policy's (OCP) announced [New Business Training from Metrc](#) for Maine operators every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. These instructor-led webinars provide Maine cannabis licensees with a comprehensive overview of the Metrc tracking system. Stakeholders can register through the Metrc website, provided they have a valid OMP-issued ID and are affiliated with a licensed establishment.
- **Maryland** - The Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) is accepting [public comments until 2/13](#) at 5pm on an unofficial draft regulatory proposal (submit comments to mca.policy@maryland.gov). They will have an Advisory Board on Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis Meeting on [2/20](#) at 2pm.
- **Massachusetts** - The Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) will meet on [2/13](#) at 10am.
- **Michigan** - The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) hosted a Veterans Cannabis Program meeting on [1/30](#).
- **Minnesota** - The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) published rules in the Minnesota State Register and are accepting [public comments until 2/12](#). They are hosting virtual office hours on different license types on [2/20](#), [2/25](#), and [2/27](#).
- **Nevada** - The Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) met on [12/19](#), [12/27](#), and [1/16](#).
- **New Jersey** - The Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC)'s [2/06](#) meeting has been postponed and a new date will be announced. The next meeting after that will

be on 3/06 at 11am.

- **New York** - The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) met on [1/28](#).
- **Oklahoma** - The Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) met on [12/17](#).
- **Oregon** - The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) met on [1/17](#).
- **Rhode Island** - The Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) is scheduled to meet in person [2/28](#) at 1pm.
- **Utah** - The Utah Cannabis Research Review Board will meet on [2/11](#) at 9am. The Center for Medical Cannabis (CMC) is hosting quarterly medical cannabis provider meetings on [4/10 and 7/10](#).
- **Vermont** - The Cannabis Control Board (CCB) will review proposed rule amendments on [2/20](#) in a hybrid modality at 9am. They are accepting [public comments until 2/28](#).
- **Virginia** - The Cannabis Control Authority (CCA) Board of Directors will meet on [3/26](#) from 1pm to 3pm.
- **Washington** - The Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) will have a meeting on [2/12](#) from 10am to 11am virtually.
- **West Virginia** - The Office of Medical Cannabis (OMC)'s Medical Cannabis Advisory Board met on [12/19](#).

Are we missing one from your state? [Let us know!](#)

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