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To whom this may concern:

The Toxicology Laboratory has implemented updates to the list of drugs included in the laboratory's standard scope of analysis and to the testing protocols for law enforcement case submissions. Additionally, in accordance with accreditation requirements, the reporting format will change for the measurement uncertainty for ethanol and THC on the Toxicology Test Report.

The updated scope of analysis, effective August 16, 2021, is now available on the Toxicology Laboratory website at www.wsp.wa.gov/forensics/toxicology.htm. The first page of the scope document provides general information on the laboratory's screening/confirmation testing and reporting procedures.

Scope of Analysis: Effective with the updated scope of analysis, routine testing for law enforcement case submissions will include ethanol/volatiles and cannabinoids screen/confirmation testing. Toxicology Test Reports issued for these cases will include a comment to indicate testing was limited to ethanol/volatiles and cannabinoids analyses. Screening for therapeutic drugs and drugs of abuse will only be performed if a specific analyte(s) is indicated on the Request for Analysis form or if case circumstances dictate. To ensure the expected testing is performed, please verify that any pertinent case history and/or suspected drugs is noted on the Request for Analysis form included with submitted evidence.

Measurement Uncertainty: The Toxicology Test Reports currently report the measurement uncertainty for ethanol and THC to the same number of significant figures as the test result. Due to a change in accreditation requirements, the reporting procedures will be revised to report the measurement uncertainty to the same number of decimal places as the test result. It is expected this change will be implemented in Toxicology Test Reports beginning with reports issued in late August/early September 2021.

Please contact the laboratory with any questions at 206-262-6100 or by email at toxlab@wsp.wa.gov.

