

Protocol for Sampling and Analysis of Environmental Media for Massachusetts Marijuana Establishments, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and Colocated Marijuana Operations

*Exhibit 4. Analysis Details – Soil and Solid Growing
Media*

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Method	Analytical Method	Analyte	CAS	Reporting Limit (mg/kg)	Acceptable Limits (mg/kg)
Metals	Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-AES) comparable to SW-846 6010C or ICP-Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) comparable to SW-846 6020B or other suitable validated method and Cold Vapor Atomic Absorption (CVAA) for Hg comparable to SW-846 7471B or other suitable validated method	Antimony	7440-36-0	6.0	31*
		Arsenic	7440-38-2	1	15
		Cadmium	7440-43-9	0.5	5
		Chromium (Hexavalent)	7440-47-3	1	45
		Copper	7440-50-8	2.5	3,100*
		Lead	7439-92-1	1	400*
		Nickel	7440-02-0	4	1,500*
		Zinc	7440-66-6	6	15,000
		Mercury (CVAA)	7439-97-6	0.2	9.4*



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Pesticides	Gas chromatography Electron Capture Detector (GC-ECD) comparable to SW-846 8081B or other suitable validated method	alpha-BHC	319-84-6	0.0017	400
		beta-BHC	319-85-7	0.0017	0.39**
		delta-BHC	319-86-8	0.0017	0.39**
		gamma-BHC	58-89-9	0.0017	0.56*
		Heptachlor	76-44-8	0.0017	0.16**
		Aldrin	309-00-2	0.0017	1.5
		Heptachlor epoxide	1024-57-3	0.0017	0.077**
		Endosulfan I	959-98-8	0.0017	100
		Dieldrin	60-57-1	0.0033	2.5
		4,4'-DDE	72-55-9	0.0033	2.1**
		Endrin	72-20-8	0.0033	15
Endosulfan II	33213-65-9	0.0033	100		



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		4,4'-DDD	72-54-8	0.0033	2.9**
		Endosulfan sulfate	1031-07-8	0.0033	100
		4,4'-DDT	50-29-3	0.0033	2.1**
		Methoxychlor	72-43-5	0.017	310*
		Endrin ketone	53494-70-5	0.0033	15
		Endrin aldehyde	7421-93-4	0.0033	15
		alpha-Chlordane	5103-71-9	0.0017	30
		gamma-Chlordane	5103-74-2	0.0017	30
PCBs	GC-ECD comparable to SW-846 8082A or other suitable validated method	Total PCBs (measured as Aroclors)	1336-36-3	0.1	1



*U.S. EPA Regional Screening Level (U.S. EPA 2014)

**Cancer Risk Evaluation Guidelines (ATSDR 2014)

Reporting limits are recommended based on the capabilities of appropriate methods. All soils/solids for cultivation must demonstrate that they meet the acceptable limits shown in Exhibit 4 on a dry weight basis.

Please note that these Protocols are continually evaluated and revised based upon new scientific and industry information.

