



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Department of Cannabis Regulation
Cannabis Regulations

November 24, 2025

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Pursuant to 15 MLBSA § 1203(f)(iii)(B), this serves as the official Notice of Adoption the following:

Cannabis Regulation – 15: ENVIRONMENTAL AND DISPOSAL

Summary of changes, to CR – 15: ENVIRONMENTAL AND DISPOSAL include:

This Regulation implements 15 MLBS §§ 1209 and 1212(g) and Compact Attachment A, part 9810.1200. The purpose of this Regulation is to ensure that Cannabis Business operations are conducted with respect for the environment and that cannabis wasted is handled and disposed of in a safe manner.

Pursuant to 15 MLBSA § 1203(f)(ii): The Department of Cannabis Regulation reviewed the comments received during the comment period, beginning October 14, 2025, and closing November 14, 2025. The Department of Cannabis Regulation hereby responds to comments below and makes changes as applicable.

Comment 1: CR 15. Changes to clarify and ensure consistent use of calendar days vs. business days, capitalization, internal reference, spacing and tab size were made.

Comment 2: Section 2.2.1- Reporting of Environmental Enforcement Action and Nuisance Complaints. Could you elaborate on what constitutes a nuisance complaint? Must it be submitted in writing, or would a verbal or informal remark also qualify? Clarification Requested. No Change Needed.

Citation: 2.2.1- “A cannabis business must report to the Department’s Executive Director any and all environmental protection enforcement actions or nuisance complaints made against the cannabis business.”

- Clarification: 2.2.2 states, “submitted in writing.” We suggest that nuisance complaints be limited to written complaints to law enforcement, a government agency, or in court.

Comment 3: Section 3.1.2- Classification and Handling of Waste. Is it accurate to assume that expired cannabis materials may be processed into extracts, and that the resulting product receives a new expiration date along with a new Certificate of Analysis? Clarification Requested. No Change Needed.

Citation: 3.1.2- “A cannabis business must dispose of cannabis plants, cannabis flower, and cannabinoid products that are damaged, have a broken seal, have been contaminated, or have not been sold by the expiration date on the label, if applicable.”



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- Clarification: The Code (1212(g)(1)) and Attachment A (9810.1100, subp. 2(6)) both expressly require disposal of expired product.

Comment 4: Section 3.4.3.b- Manner of Disposal. Could you specify which section this reference pertains to? Clarification Requested. Change Made.

Citation: 3.4.3.b- "Approved methods for disposal include: any method permitted or required under *section 2.3.2*."

- Clarification: "*Section 2.3.2*" should be 3.3.2, incorporating the Minnesota Rules on hazardous waste disposal.

Comment 5: Section 4.1.1- Exceptions and Records. How should flower or leaves in flower rooms be treated when they do not contain trichomes? Clarification Requested. No Change Needed.

Citation: 4.1.1- "The following materials are not considered cannabis waste and do not require treatment to render the materials unusable and unrecognizable or non-retrievable, provided that the cannabis does not contain any cannabis flower or leaves with any visible trichomes:"

- We recommend that flower always be treated as cannabis waste; leaves that do not have visible trichomes is not cannabis waste and therefore not subject to the regulations regarding disposal of cannabis waste.

Comment 6: Section 4.1.1.c- Exceptions and Records. Does this refer to "immature plant" as defined in the compact? Clarification Requested. No Change Needed.

Citation: 4.1.1.c- "leaves and branches removed from immature cannabis plants."

- Yes.

Effective Date: November 24, 2025.

The Department of Cannabis Regulation attached the final version illustrating the updates made as a result of reviewing the comments submitted. Copies of this regulation can be obtained at the Department of Cannabis Regulation and at [Department of Cannabis Regulation \(DCR\) | Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe](#).

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