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Reason: To inform and provide an overview of the new Decontamination process.		

Greetings,

Metrc, in collaboration with the Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED), is pleased to announce new functionality in the Metrc system to support the accurate reporting of Decontamination of marijuana plant material that previously failed testing. This enhancement will be available beginning February 2, 2026.

Under Colorado Marijuana Rules, licensees are permitted to **Remediate** or **Decontaminate** marijuana plant material that does not pass certain contaminant tests.

Decontamination means the process of neutralization or removal of dangerous substances or other contaminants from Regulated Marijuana without changing the product type of Regulated Marijuana following a failed test.

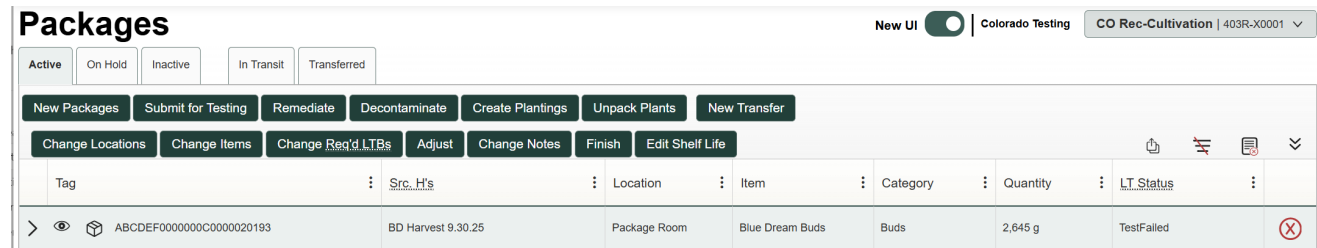
Remediation means the process of neutralization or removal of dangerous substances or other contaminants from Regulated Marijuana while changing the product type of the regulated marijuana following a failed test.

Currently, only a “Remediate” button is available in Metrc. As part of this system enhancement:

- **Cultivation facilities** will see a Decontaminate Button in the Packages grid within Metrc and the Remediate Button will be removed.
- **Manufacturing facilities** will continue to have access to the Remediation functionality.

Decontamination in Metrc

If a facility intends to Decontaminate Regulated Marijuana that has failed state required testing, they should record the Decontamination performed directly in Metrc.



The screenshot shows the 'Packages' page in Metrc. At the top, there are tabs for 'Active', 'On Hold', 'Inactive', 'In Transit', and 'Transferred'. Below these are several action buttons: 'New Packages', 'Submit for Testing', 'Remediate', 'Decontaminate', 'Create Plantings', 'Unpack Plants', 'New Transfer', 'Change Locations', 'Change Items', 'Change Req'd LTBs', 'Adjust', 'Change Notes', 'Finish', and 'Edit Shelf Life'. A table below these buttons displays package information. The table has columns for Tag, Src. H's, Location, Item, Category, Quantity, LT Status, and an action column. The first row shows a package with Tag 'ABCDEF0000000C0000020193', Src. H's 'BD Harvest 9.30.25', Location 'Package Room', Item 'Blue Dream Buds', Category 'Buds', Quantity '2,645 g', and LT Status 'TestFailed'. The action column for this row contains a red 'X' icon.


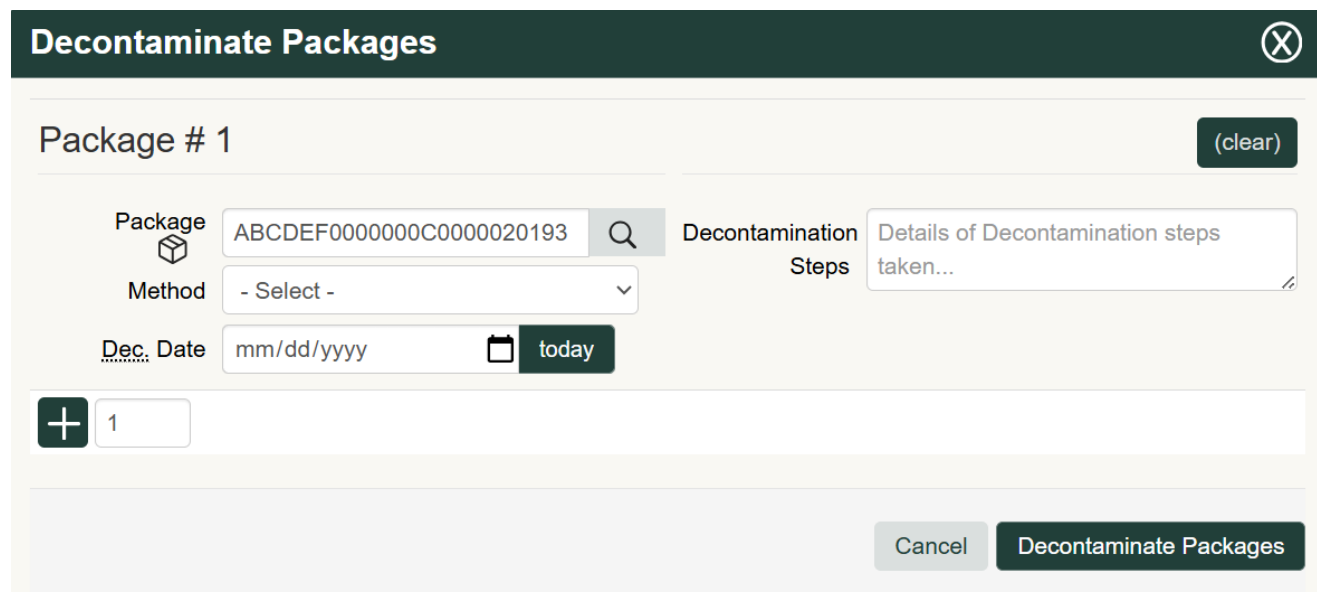
Tag	Src. H's	Location	Item	Category	Quantity	LT Status	
ABCDEF0000000C0000020193	BD Harvest 9.30.25	Package Room	Blue Dream Buds	Buds	2,645 g	TestFailed	

Figure 1: Test Failed Package

To record that the material has been Decontaminated, select the related package and click on the “Decontaminate” button. In the Decontaminate Packages action window, select the Method, Date, Steps taken for Decontamination and select “Decontaminate Packages”

Important: Decontamination must be performed on the entire Production Batch, not just a portion of it.



The screenshot shows the 'Decontaminate Packages' window. At the top, there is a title bar with the text 'Decontaminate Packages' and a close button. Below the title bar, there is a section for 'Package # 1' with a '(clear)' button. The main area contains several input fields: 'Package' (with a search icon), 'Method' (a dropdown menu), 'Dec. Date' (with a calendar icon and a 'today' button), and 'Decontamination Steps' (a text area). At the bottom, there is a '+ 1' button and a 'Cancel' button, and a 'Decontaminate Packages' button.

Figure 2: Decontaminate Packages Window

Once submitted the status will update to “Decontaminated” and the steps taken during Decontamination will be displayed in the history of the product.

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Figure 3: Decontaminated Package Status

Following Decontamination, the package must be retested in accordance with state requirements. Once retesting is complete, the package status will update to either “Retest Passed” or “Retest Failed,” based on the outcome and results reported by the Testing Facility.

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Figure 4: “Retest Passed” Package Status following retesting

Transferring to a Third Party for Microbial Control Step or Decontamination

As part of this effort, to more transparently track the transfer of Regulated Marijuana, the MED will add Microbial Control Steps transfer types to the system on February 2, 2025.

Microbial Control Step means a post-harvest process that is intended to reduce the presence of microbial contaminants in a Production Batch that is performed prior to testing consistently on all Harvest Batches or Production Batches of a particular type, strain, or intended use, as documented in the Regulated Marijuana Business’s Standard Operating Procedures.

When transferring marijuana for **Microbial Control Step (prior to testing)**, **Decontamination (after a failed test)**, or **Remediation (after a failed test)**, facilities must use the appropriate, specific transfer types in Metrc to ensure regulatory compliance and proper tracking.

Below are the transfer types based on the relationship between the facilities:

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- **Affiliated (Microbial Control Step):**
Use this option when transferring products for Microbial Control Step (prior to testing) between facilities under common ownership or control.
- **Unaffiliated (Microbial Control Step):**
Use this option when transferring products for Microbial Control Step (prior to testing) to a separate, non-affiliated licensed facility.
- **Affiliated (Decontamination):**
Use this option when transferring products for Decontamination (after a failed test) between facilities under common ownership or control.
- **Unaffiliated (Decontamination):**
Use this option when transferring products for Decontamination (after a failed test) to a separate, non-affiliated licensed facility.
- **Affiliated (Remediation):**
Use this option when transferring products for Remediation from a Cultivation to a Manufacturer under common ownership or control.
- **Unaffiliated (Remediation):**
Use this option when transferring products for Remediation from a Cultivation to a separate, non-affiliated Manufacturer.

These transfer types should be used to ensure proper tracking and compliance within Metrc. For more information on Transfer, Decontamination, and Remediation requirements, please refer to the Colorado Marijuana Rules (1 CCR 212-3).

Need More Information?

For detailed rules on Transfers, Microbial Control, or Decontamination, visit the Colorado Department of Revenue Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) [website](#).

Metrc resources

Need help getting started? We've put together training materials in [Metrc Learn](#) and Metrc Expert to make sure you're set up for success.

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