

## Lacey Moore

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Lacey,

Below is information pertaining to how many vehicles per inspector the hemp and cannabis programs need.

Overall, a vehicle is needed for every inspector hired. This is because every day, an inspector will travel to perform inspections. At this time it is difficult to quantify the number of inspectors needed for industrial hemp as we truly do not know the exact number of entities that should be under regulations in the state as we are still finding unlicensed producers as well as retailers and products. It is easier to quantify the needs for medical cannabis because of the known number of quantities.

Below is an explanation of what the department needs as far as inspectors and vehicles and the reasons we came to that conclusion.

For Industrial hemp the thought is to have the following number of inspectors in certain areas of the state:

1- northern Utah

1- Ogden

2- Salt lake County

2- Utah county

1- Central Utah

1- Eastern Utah

1- Southern Utah

For a total of 9 inspectors

I would like to have at least the number of inspectors needed for the size of the industry. This would allow us to regularly inspect known entities and over time we would be able to serve the entire state and increase the overall compliance of the industry.

Industrial Hemp Inspectors are based on the number of locations licensed plus the unknown number of unlicensed facilities and the state's area. We have 90+ Hemp Processors. We would like to assign 6 inspectors to cover 15 of these per quarter so we are hitting these places 4 times a year, which gives each inspector an inspection per week. This would allow us to be there during their slow season, their busy season and give us the ability to inspect different aspects of the business, not just a general inspection. All 9 inspectors would be required to do retail and product inspections. We currently have just over 1500 retail licenses and at least another 500-1000 locations that sell cannabinoid products and do not have a license. This would give each inspector another 5-10 retail inspections to do each week. The three inspectors not doing processor inspections would be strictly retail and would be based in SLC and Utah counties. One area we are lacking is follow ups and with this many inspectors would allow us to follow up on most places multiple times a year.

Vehicles for the hemp program: I would like to have 9 inspectors which means a total of 9 vehicles for hemp. But I think realistically the budget may only allow 6 total.

For Medical Cannabis Inspectors

5 total possibly 6

Ideally the cannabis program could use 5 inspectors. 1 inspector to every 5 or 6 licensed locations. There are roughly 31 locations (or will be by end of year) and that would allow us to either increase inspections to roughly every 3 weeks versus 4 or we could stay at the current rate and it would allow more flexibility in going back to places for follow-up, helping with inspections for change requests, and random inspections as needed based on direct concerns.

Please Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cody



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