



POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



TO: Mark Detter (City Manager), Valdez City Council

FROM: Bart Hinkle, Chief of Police

RE: DKW Farms, LLC [VPD 23-0674]

DATE: March 7, 2023

At approximately 1400 hours on March 1st, 2023, I visited DKW Farms LLC so that I could conduct an inspection of their commercial marijuana cultivation facility. The last inspection had been conducted on July 13th, 2020.

The Valdez Police Department enjoys a quality professional relationship with the operators of DKW Farms LLC. The majority of the text/phone correspondence has traditionally been through Mr. Dunning, while the on-site interactions have primarily been with Mr. Watson, who makes himself readily available for the required inspections and is forthcoming with information, internal processes, and questions posed to him.

During the inspection, I observed the facility to be properly secured with an active alarm system as well as a robust video surveillance system. The charcoal air filtration system was working efficiently, as the slightest odor of marijuana was detectable outside of the facility – but only immediately near the building. The processes and procedures outlined by Watson appeared to be within the confines of their existing license and well within the administrative codes as defined by the State.

During the duration of the inspection, I did not observe any noticeable violations or any business practice that would indicate DKW Farms LLC is operating out of compliance with State of Alaska or City of Valdez regulations.