



# Weekly Regulatory Digest

Compliance Intelligence for Cannabis Operators

**Prepared for:** Rocky Mountain Cultivation Co.  
**Licenses:** MED Cultivation & Retail | Denver, CO  
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 **HIGH PRIORITY**

## This Week's Overview

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## **ACTION REQUIRED: Denver Social Equity License Lottery Opens**

**55 Days Until  
Expiration**

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## LOCAL ORDINANCE UPDATE

**⚠️ HIGH RISK - Action Required****Denver Social Equity Employee Verification Deadline**

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**IF YOU MISS THIS DEADLINE****License Suspension  
+ \$10,000 Fine**

30-day mandatory suspension during peak season + \$10,000 administrative fine + Revenue loss during 4/20 period

**IF YOU ACT NOW****\$0 Compliance  
Cost**

Maintain uninterrupted operations +  
Secure 2026 license renewal +  
Preserve social equity status

**✓ Your Action Plan****Employee Residency Audit**

Verify Denver residency for 51% of workforce using 2026 acceptable documents. 🕒 8 hours

**Notarized Affidavit Preparation** Prepare MED Form SE-

2026 for each qualifying employee. 🕒 4 hours

**MED Portal Submission** Upload documentation through

MED's online portal before March 15. 🕒 2 hours

Source: [Colorado MED Bulletin 2026-03](#); Denver Social Equity Program Guidelines



## MEDIUM IMPACT - Monitoring

### Colorado Dept. of Revenue - METRC Tracking System Update

The Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Tracking Reporting & Compliance (METRC) system will undergo mandatory version 4.7.2 update on March 1, 2026. This update changes batch tagging requirements and adds new waste disposal reporting fields.

#### Key Implications:

**\*\*System Downtime:\*\*** 12-hour METRC outage scheduled for March 1 (2 AM - 2 PM MT).

**\*\*Tagging Changes:\*\*** New RFID tag requirements for all batches created after March 1.

**\*\*Waste Reporting:\*\*** New mandatory fields for disposal method and witness documentation.

**\*\*Integration Impact:\*\*** POS/inventory software may require updates for API compatibility.



### COMPLIANCE CALENDAR & UPCOMING DEADLINES

Date	Entity	Required Action
Feb 3, 2026	Denver MED	Social Equity Lottery Opens
Mar 1, 2026	CO METRC	<b>System Update v4.7.2 - Mandatory</b>
Mar 15, 2026	Denver MED	<b>Social Equity Verification DEADLINE</b>
<b>Apr 1, 2026</b>	CO DOR	<b>Q1 2026 Cannabis Sales Tax Filing</b>

**Why This Matters to You:** The METRC update coincides with 4/20 preparation season. System familiarity and new tagging procedures must be mastered before peak production.



## COMPLIANCE SCOUT IMPACT THIS WEEK

# \$285,000+

For a medium cultivation facility, avoiding a 30-day license suspension during March-April prevents **loss of \$250k+ in wholesale revenue plus \$10k fine**, while maintaining social equity status protects long-term licensing viability.



### 3 Key Takeaways

- 1. Social Equity is Evolving** - Denver's criteria tightening means annual verification is now mandatory, not a one-time qualification.
- 2. METRC Changes Are Operational** - System updates directly impact daily tagging, waste, and sales processes—not just "IT issues.
- 3. Spring Deadlines Are Critical** - Q1 compliance directly affects 4/20 revenue, the industry's most profitable period.

**You're Not Alone.** Navigating Colorado's dual state/local cannabis regulations requires specialized tracking. We partner with METRC-certified consultants for system transitions. Questions? Reply to this email.

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