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Larger Grow operations, side by side and Drive through Marijuana Sales

Bigger operations mean increased carbon dioxide emissions

An investigation of indoor cannabis cultivation across the U.S. revealed each kilogram of dried cannabis flower results in 2,283 to 5,184 kilograms of carbon dioxide emissions. [**Read**](#)

Hydroponic water used to grow Marijuana is treated with nitrogen, sulfur, zinc, phosphorus, and potassium

These chemicals can make their way into sewers, streams, lakes, and other water systems when the water is discarded. This can devastate local ecosystems by contributing to excess phytoplankton and algae blooms, depleting oxygen levels, and releasing toxins into the environment. [**Read**](#)

Marijuana oil extraction creates harmful BVOCs

"The concentrations of BVOCs and butane that we measured inside of these facilities were high enough to be concerning. "In addition to being potentially hazardous to the workers inside the cannabis growing and processing facilities, these chemicals can contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone if they are released into the outside air." explained lead author Vera Samburova, Ph.D., Associate Research Professor of atmospheric science at DRI. [**Read**](#)

Grow Operations no longer have to be 1500 feet apart

Growers and cultivators can be next door and create more pollution and emissions in a specific geographical area

Marijuana Drive through Windows will increase the availability for children to ingest edibles and other marijuana products

Newly released numbers show marijuana overdose-related calls in Illinois jumped significantly after legalization, mainly due to edibles... The number of calls to the Illinois Poison Center for cannabis rose from 487 in 2019, to 743 in 2020, the year recreational weed was legalized in the state, and increased again to 855 in 2021. Many of the calls were for consumption of edibles, officials said. Edible cases more than tripled from 80 cases in 2019 to 450 in 2021. "Looking at the reason for exposure, almost all were unintentional," said Dr. Michael Wahl, medical director of the poison center. "People didn't mean to eat them, or didn't know what they were eating." Many of the calls are for children. **Read**

Drive-through windows could increase impaired driving and deaths

In 2018, about **12 million Americans**, drove a vehicle under the influence of illicit drugs other than marijuana in 2018. The fraction of **fatal accidents** in which at least one driver tested positive for THC has shot up in states that legalized marijuana. From 2013 to 2016, the fraction of fatal accidents in which at least one driver tested positive for THC increased nationwide by an average of 10 percent. But for Colorado and Washington, two states that legalized marijuana in 2014, the result was much different. During the same period, Colorado's marijuana-related traffic death rate shot up 92 percent, and Washington's increased by 28 percent. **Read**

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For Immediate Action

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