

Upcoming 2015 Verification Testing CB Webinar

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Overview

- Completing 2014 Verification Testing
 - Reporting Unresponsive or Uncooperative Partners
 - Updated CB Resources
- Reporting July-December 2014 VT Results
 - Common Data Quality Issues
 - Filling out the VT Summary Report Template
 - Lifetime Testing for Lighting Products
- 2015 Verification Testing Planning
 - Verification Testing Requirements by Product Category
 - Lamps
 - Procurement Planning for Specification' Effective Dates
- Submitting Certified Product Information to EPA
 - Updates to QPX Technical Documentation
 - Use of ENERGY STAR Model Identifiers





Completing 2014 Verification Testing

- Testing requirements established at beginning of year must be met by December 31, 2014
- Notify EPA of any circumstances that make procurement difficult
 - Unresponsive or uncooperative partners
 - Per <u>Directive #2014-06: Responsibilities for Maintaining Product Certifications</u>:
 - "CBs are required to report to EPA within five (5) business days of making the determination any partner is unresponsive to or uncooperative with CB requests for information or action."
 - Notify EPA of any request to withdraw certification for reasons other than model not available
- Model availability
 - Maintain accurate client contacts for brand owner and/or OEM, if applicable
 - CBs must confirm product availability in the U.S. with the brand owner of all certified products at minimum on an annual basis; partners are expected to update CBs on model availability throughout the year





2014 Verification Testing Cont'd

- Resources for CBs
 - Verification Testing Responsibilities page
 - List of testing requirements by product category
 - Updates to <u>Directive #2011-06</u>
 - Updated list of product types eligible for off-the-line testing.
 - Note: off-the-line procurement for product types not listed in Directive 2011-06 require EPA approval
 - Verification Testing FAQs
- Using verification testing for recertification purposes
 - If a new specification recently went into effect or is available for early certification,
 CBs may count a verification test towards a recertification or new certification test
 - Product must be procured as it would be for verification testing (e.g. off-the-shelf)





Reporting July-December 2014 VT Results

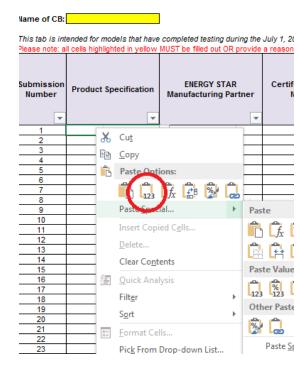
- July-December 2014 VT Summary Report is due <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 16</u>, <u>2015</u>
- Common data quality issues
 - ESUM_IDs not aligning with certified model number and partner name
 - Incorrect method of selection (i.e. model indicated as EPA nomination, but there is no record of the model having been nominated)
 - Duplicate model number (within a tab or across tabs)
 - Missing data (e.g. procurement information, date(s) testing was completed)
 - Reporting date testing was initiated instead of date(s) testing was completed
 - Testing completion date should fall within the 6-month reporting period (e.g. Jul 1- Dec 31, 2014)
 - Not listing replacements for models not tested or not providing a reason
 - Not reporting failures to <u>Enforcement@energystar.gov</u> within 2 days





Reporting July-December 2014 VT Results Cont'd

- VT Summary Report Template
 - Conditional formatting can be overwritten by other formatting
 - If pasting data from elsewhere, use paste- values →
 - Formatting meant to aid CBs in identifying missing data
 - Adding procurement status
 - Meant to showcase progress towards annual requirement; use intuitive terminology
 - Lighting products requiring lifetime testing
 - Initial testing completion will count towards CBs' annual requirement
 - These models will be reported on at least 2 VT summary reports due to length of testing duration







Walkthrough of Jul-Dec 2014 VT Report Template





2015 Verification Testing

- Unique counts by product category are due to EPA by <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 2</u>, <u>2015</u>
 - EPA will distribute nominations within two weeks of receiving unique counts
 - EPA will contact CBs for unique counts for clothes dryers, set-top boxes, and clothes
 washers nominations in March 2015
- Verification testing will commence for a product category when (whichever comes first):
 - The CB has certified 10 or more unique products OR ≥ 1 year since initial certification
- Per the <u>Verification Testing Requirements by Product Category</u> document:
 - 20% of CFLs will be tested
 - 5% of CE/IT product categories will be tested
 - Audio/video, computers, displays, enterprise servers, imaging equipment, set-top boxes, telephony, televisions, and uninterruptible power supplies
 - No more than 10% per product category per partner for commercial food service products will be tested





2015 Verification Testing Cont'd and Recommendations

- Review upcoming specification effective dates and plan testing accordingly
 - Per <u>Directive #2011-06</u>, both selection and procurement must occur when the same version of the specification is in effect
 - www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs
- Lamps VT guidance
- Recommendations and best practices
 - Begin selection as soon as you receive EPA nominations
 - Centralize VT tracking
 - Ex: designate point person who can easily access testing status information
 - Record testing in the VT summary as it is completed
 - Notify EPA of any delays in procurement as soon as possible





Reporting Certified Product Data to EPA

- Updates to <u>QPX XML Technical Documentation</u>
- Certification ID (Cert_ID)
 - Denotes family groupings
 - Should align with CB unique counts for VT
 - Can be revised via modification submission
- ENERGY STAR Model ID (ESUM_ID)
 - Unique to each certified model across a model's lifetime
 - Cannot be revised via modification submission
- Transferring products between partners (e.g. brand owner issues)
 - Modify existing submissions with updated ENERGY STAR partner information
 - ESUM_ID must be maintained





Upcoming 2015 VT Dates

- <u>January 2, 2015</u> Deadline to submit unique counts to EPA for all categories with the exception of clothes washers, clothes dryers, and set-top boxes
- <u>January 16, 2015</u> Deadline to submit Jul-Dec 2014 verification testing summary reports
- March 2015 EPA will request unique counts for clothes washers, clothes dryers and set-top boxes
- <u>December 31, 2015</u> Deadline to complete all 2015 verification testing
- July 2015 and January 2016 Verification testing summary reports due





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