

Question 8.5

Topic: Bias Test -- Retesting

Question: Section 75.61(a)(1)(iii) allows the owner or operator to retest immediately, without notification, in cases of a failed certification test. Does this apply in the case of bias tests as well as RATAs? Are there any restrictions as to how soon retesting should commence?

Answer: If a certification test results in a bias adjustment factor greater than 1.000, the owner or operator of the affected unit may retest immediately. EPA does not intend to place restrictions on the timing of retests performed in order to obtain a more favorable bias adjustment factor. In many cases, the failure of a bias test will be known when stack testing personnel are still on site, and requiring a pretest notification for testing performed to improve bias test results would cause needless and costly delays in the testing.

References: § 75.61(a)(1)(iii)

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