

Question 28.6

Topic: Qualified Individuals

Question: For Part 75 RATAs, does the rule allow two Qualified Individuals (QIs) to be on site, i.e., one person with Group 1 qualification and one person with Group 3 qualification?

Answer: Having two QIs on-site is allowable, provided that the individuals involved have the necessary qualifications for the test(s) that they oversee and supervise. In the example cited by the questioner:

- The first QI, who has only Group 1 qualification, could oversee and supervise Part 75 flow RATAs but not gas monitor RATAs, since the gas RATAs require knowledge of test methods that are not covered by the Group 1 exam.

However, if the second QI had only Group 3 qualification, he or she would not be eligible to oversee and supervise Part 75 gas monitor RATAs, because these RATAs require knowledge of certain methods in Group 1. The SES Group 3 exam may include a few questions related to Methods 1 and 4 (see SES web site at <http://www.sesnews.org/index.php?q=QSTIQSTO>). However, a QI should have a thorough knowledge of Methods 1 and 4 before overseeing and supervising an instrumental test method (see Section 1.0, Method 7E).

The Group 3 exam does not include any questions on Methods 2, 2F, 2G, or 2H. Flow RATAs are commonly overseen and supervised by the same QI who oversaw and supervised the gas RATAs. Therefore, the second QI must be qualified for both Group 1 and Group 3 in order to oversee and supervise Part 75 gas RATAs.

References:

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