

Question 11.7

Topic: Certification Test Notification

Question: From what date do we count back to determine the date of the certification testing notification? Is it based upon the date of the RATA?

Answer: Section 75.61 (a) requires that notification of testing be given twenty-one (21) days prior to the first day upon which the first certification test is begun. As a general rule, it is the date of the *first* test that matters, not the date of one particular test such as the RATA or 7-day calibration error test. However, if the regulatory agency is interested only in the date of the RATA (for purposes of observing the test), then, by mutual agreement between the Agency and the affected facility, the 21-day advance notification may be reckoned from the scheduled date of the RATA.

References: § 75.61(a)

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