
**EMISSION MEASUREMENT CENTER
GUIDELINE DOCUMENT**

LAPSE IN METHOD-303 OBSERVER CERTIFICATION

Emission Measurement Center received a question on how to handle a lapse in Method-303 observer certification. A lapse occurs when re-certification is not obtained by the closing date of the observer's current certification.

Our response is that if an observer's certification lapses then that observer may not make any Method-303 observations until the requirements for re-certification are completed. Any observations made with a lapsed certification would not be valid.

According to Section 2.2 of the method, an observer is not certified for more than one year. Initial certification is obtained by completion of the classroom training, making a perfect score on the written test, and battery training with Method-303 panel members. Yearly re-certification is obtained by a review of the training video and making a perfect score on the written test. In addition, every observer must demonstrate proficiency to a panel at an operating battery every three years.

Certification and re-certification may be requested through North Carolina State University, Environmental Programs, Industrial Extension Service, Box 7513, 903 Method Road, Raleigh, NC 27695-7513, 919-515-5874.

This document will be made available through the OAQPS Technology Transfer Network EMTIC bulletin board. Please address questions to John Brown at 919-541-0200(OAQPS) or Ed Wojciechowski (Region V) at 312-886-6785.