# Stack Test Do's and Don'ts

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## This is Steve, Ngozi, and Miriam after getting some stack test assignments.



## You can help me turn those frowns upside down!



## Notifications

## Don't

- Wait until the last minute to submit
- Ask the stack test group to waive notification requirements
- Send by mail without using the online tool

#### Do

- Provide notification at least 30 days in advance; 60 days for NESHAP
- Contact the Permits division if you need a waiver from the notification requirement
- Use our online scheduling tool

## Other Notification Clarifications

#### Don't

- Expect us to know why you are required to test
- List generic regulatory citation
- Give incorrect testing frequency

#### Do

- Please become familiar with your permit requirements
- Give specific regulatory citation that gives reason for testing
- List Initial, Annual, or Periodic; Completing this correctly helps us to make sure that you are doing the appropriate testing

## CEMS Certification

### Initial

- Do not call this a RATA
- Requires 7 day calibration drift and relative accuracy test

### Annual

Only requires the relative accuracy test

#### Both

- 40 CFR 75 requires the determination of the SO2 and NOx bias adjustment factor every time the relative accuracy test is conducted; please include in the report
- Test plans shall always describe the EPA Reference Method and the associated Performance Specification for each monitor of the CEMS.
  - i.e. RATA of a NOx/CO CEMS shall reference EPA Method 7E and 10; and, Performance Specification 2 and 4.

## Rescheduling of Test Dates

#### Don't

Submit a new notice through the online scheduling tool

Ignore requirements for testing to be completed by a certain date

#### Do

Email the staff member who has emailed approval of the test plan

If approval has not been received, email vennetta.hayes@la.gov

Make sure that you will still meet the testing deadlines required by your permit

## Submission of Test Protocols



## Don't

Submit a new notification to the online scheduling tool in order to attach a new or updated protocol

#### Do

Attach protocol to each online submittal

If for some reason your protocol is not submitted, the staff assigned will email and ask for the protocol.

## Reports

### Don't

- Keep test failures to yourself
- Turn in reports late
- Create your own generic engineering review form or use the one from your previous test

#### Do

- Report the results of all tests
- Report the results of all tests within 60 days; 45 days for Part 75 required tests
- Use the filled out engineering review form provided with each protocol approval; Each approval form contains tracking information specific to the approved protocol

## A Happy Stack Test Staff!



## THANK YOU FOR LISTENING! CUE THE APPLAUSE!



**ANY QUESTIONS?** 



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