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From: Lisa Rector [lrector@nescaum.org]
Sent: 5/7/2020 6:27:42 PM
To: Toney, Mike [Toney.Mike@epa.gov]; Johnson, Steffan [johnson.steffan@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: thank you!
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Mike so one of the reports says that they did screening tests as part of the aging. Is it appropriate for the certification lab to run certification test runs for aging purposes? They indicate that they aged the stove with ASTM 3053 protocols to assess performance repeatability. Is this appropriate?

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Did the report mention anything about stove aging?

From: Johnson, Steffan
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Subject: RE: thank you!

Lisa,

You are welcome, we're happy to entertain such technical discussions.

Regarding the heater test in the information you supplied, is it your thought that the testing done earlier might have been R&D testing and that the same laboratory should not have done the compliance testing? Do we know, from information you have seen, that the unit was not modified between these tests and the formal compliance testing?

It is curious, for sure. Reputability is typically up to the laboratory and their documentation, and not how a unit operates. I haven't heard of a reputability test before.

Mike, do you have thoughts on this?

Stef

From: Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>
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Mike and Stef, thanks for your time today and thoughts on our questions. The team really appreciates your thoughtfulness on our questions.

On another note, I was looking at a test report and found the item below. It indicates that the facility received the unit in August and ran tests on the unit as for "screening purposes for reputability." The certification test wasn't completed until 4 months later. Is a certified lab allowed to run screening tests before running the official test? If so, are there reporting requirements for the "screening tests" runs? How is this differentiated from research on the stove? Thanks!

Lisa

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