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SUBJECT: Requesting Opinions on Operational Test Validity

Test validity must be documented by all test laboratories participating in the voluntary CMA Product Approval Code of Practice (CODE). Should the test sponsor disagree with the testing laboratory's opinion on operational validity, that sponsor may ask the CMA Monitoring Agency to review the data and render an independent opinion. Testing laboratories may also request an independent opinion from the CMA Monitoring Agency.

To obtain a validity opinion from the CMA Monitoring Agency, an authorized requestor must mail a written request to Daniel C. Ludwig, program manager of Registration Systems, Inc. The request must identify the formulation/stand code and must clearly state the reason for requesting the opinion. The request must be accompanied by a completed test report with photos, rating work sheets, log sheets, build sheets and other relevant supplemental data, along with all correspondence regarding this test's operational validity.

When developing opinions, the CMA Monitoring Agency may review this information with the ASTM TMC, ASTM, OEM test developers, and others with engineering expertise, including other test labs. In all cases, the test laboratory and sponsoring company will not be identified without written permission from both parties.

If the sponsoring company chooses to include additional opinions in the candidate data package, the sponsoring company must supply this information to RSI. This information will enable the CMA Monitoring Agency to keep current with industry interpretation and viewpoints and to maintain an acceptable level of expertise.