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Responses to the 2010 W&M Directors Questions

(Non-Attributable Version)

Question 1: If the NCWM develops a database for the collection of initial verification inspection data, will your state consider sharing your data?

CENTRAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION (CWMA)

Yes

No, we do not have the staff to support extra work at this time.

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes, if we are conducting the inspection, would try to collect inspection data from the counties.

Yes

NORTHEASTERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION (NEWMA)

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES we will consider sharing our inspection data, preferring a format that would provide ease of doing such.

NO, because we do not collect that type of data.

SOUTHERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION (SWMA)

We don't have the resources to participate.

It would have to be easy for us but we would want to participate hopefully via a WIM/WAM application or interface.

We too would participate provided that it is easily accomplished. We hope that there is a WIM/WAM application written for this.

We're concerned that limited resources will prevent us from participating. The data is there but just difficult to access.

We use WIM/WAM software and would like to have it handle this problem.

We also use WIM/WAM software and it would be ideal for providing this data if a revision is available.

We also use WIM/WAM software and hope that it will be modified to provide this data.

The city has WIM/WAM software but the state uses paper to record initial inspection data.

We use WIM/WAM software and trust that it will allow us to participate.

Yes. We use WIM/WAM software as well.

WESTERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION (WWMA)

Would in principle but today we only keep a limited amount

Yes, however we do not have the staff to support extra work at this time and question if the data for be pass/fail or actual testing results.

Data is public record but not at the state level in a single location. Data today is stored for two years plus current year.

Data is public record but not stored at a single location.

Yes, data is public record.

Yes, data is public record and stored for 5 years.

Yes, data is public record and stored in hardcopy for 5 years.

Oregon – Yes, data is public record but stored by local inspectors with a 5 year retention plan.

Yes, we would share but not sure if what is available is what will be requested.

Yes, data is public record but stored by local inspectors with a 5 year retention plan.

Question 2. Some manufacturers produce load cell mounts. These mounts, using NTEP approved load cells, are placed under tanks and hoppers. Does your state approve these systems?

CENTRAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION (CWMA)

No, we will not approve these types of systems.

Yes, we do approve tanks and hoppers only if they are using NTEP approved equipment.

No, we do not allow "field manufacturing" and will require an NTEP CC for the system.

We would require a CC for the system.

We would look at these systems as a unique need in most industrial applications. We would evaluate and test on a case by case basis and approve if they meet HB 44 tolerances.

We have not in the past. It must be NTEP approved as a system before we would recognize it.

No, it must be traceable to an NTEP CC.

Typically we have only looked at the load cells – no field manufacturing.

We would not allow these systems.

NORTHEASTERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION (NEWMA)

YES

YES, we approve the weighing systems, the mount would be part of the weighing system.

YES, we will approve these systems on a case by case basis. We consider them as a customized installation.

We are uncomfortable with approving these systems. Who is responsible for the device – it's a possible liability issue. We would consider if it is a "one of a kind" device.

We have some concerns with this type of installation and have tried to persuade people to look for an NTEP approved device. However, we will test the device.

We would like to know further information about the application.

YES, if the device is commercial, licensed, conforms to H-44 and passes the annual inspection.

SOUTHERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION (SWMA)

We accept them as long as the load cells are NTEP certified.

We would seek guidance from NTEP in these situations. We would probably find a way to accept them.

Yes

No. A NTEP CC would be required for the cell mount.

We would have to look at it.

Yes

We would accept it as long as it passes the initial verification tests.

No.

No. We would have to approve it as one-of-a-kind.

We haven't encountered this. Perhaps we would have to accept it as one-of-a-kind.

WESTERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION (WWMA)

We are an NTEP State with many unique situations. We would allow the system to be used as long as the components have a CC.

Yes, would prefer complete system approval but will permit the system to be used as long as the components have a CC.

Would require NTEP CC or possible one-of-a-kind approval.

Strongly recommend a system approval but will do one-of-a-kind approval.

Would require NTEP CC but would consider one-of-a-kind approval.

Would accept the system with only a load cell approval but would consider one-of-a-kind approval.

No, completed system must have an NTEP CC.

Not an issue as we would only look into it if a complaint or problem was reported. Would consider a one-of-a-kind approval.

Would accept it but would prefer a system approval.