



EASTERN TECHNICAL ASSOCIATES

THE INDUSTRY LEADER IN METHOD 9 CERTIFICATION • VEO AUDITS • LITIGATION SUPPORT

SMOKE SCHOOL COMPARISON

EASTERN TECHNICAL

COMPETITORS

>35 years of VE Industry Experience



Opacity Experts



Professional Consulting Services



Experienced Knowledgeable Staff



Free technical support



EPA M9 CLASSROOM LECTURE

Comprehensive - 6 hours



Industry Knowledge Expertise



Hands on Practical Documentation Exercise



Simulated VE Practice Test



VE competency skills increased



TESTING INTEGRITY

Accurate testing



Full Scale Testing- 0% to 100% opacity



Random order



Each VE test is unique



No hints or ranges given



M9 Certificates

Validity guaranteed



Accepted Nationwide



Certificates Individually earned



Highest Industry Standard





10 questions to ask a smoke school provider

A “no” answer to any of these questions could mean the validity of your certification is at risk!

1. Does your smoke school program cover the full range of opacity — from 0% to 100% — when testing?
2. Does your smoke school lecture fully comply with EPA’s Section 3.12 document and EPA 600/4-83-011 standards?
3. Are the field test sets of 50 readings really in random order?
4. Does your organization keep records for at least 4.5 years for the following items:
 - Optical Filter Certification?
 - EPA Reference Method 9 Table 9.1 Compliance Data?
 - Opacity Meter Calibration Records?
 - Strip Chart Records of Runs?
 - Test Run Forms?
 - Grading Masters for Test Runs?
5. At your smoke school programs, are the students monitored to ensure tests are taken individually to guarantee the validity of their certifications? If so, how?
6. Do your organization’s field instructors avoid giving hints regarding opacity values or ranges during testing?
7. Has your program ever been audited by a state or federal regulatory agency? If so, were the results satisfactory or unsatisfactory? Do you provide copies of past audits?
8. Can our lawyer attend and audit your program to assure validity and quality?
9. Will your organization take the witness stand and defend your certificates in court?
10. Is there a compliance paper trail from Filter Calibration to Certificate Issuance available and can it be provided to us?