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POLICY STATEMENT

RE-AUDIT CYCLE FOR MULTIPLE CERTIFIED WAREHOUSE AREAS ON THE SAME SITE

In Bulletin 19, issued in July 1995, the following policy was outlined:

Multiple certified warehouse area on a single site may have one overall certification number, or may be separately certified, at the option of the owner. If separate certification numbers are requested, the auditor must identify each storage area seeking AWSA certification and each must individually meet all siting, structural, insurance and other relevant protocol items (i.e. these must be separately audited) with training and documentation being audited for the entire site.

Re-Audit Cycle - For dealers that choose to have their sites separately certified and maintain two certification numbers, the audit cycle is based on the audit date. For example:

If certified warehouse area "A" was originally certified in May 1996, this certified warehouse area must be re-certified in 1998. If certified warehouse area "B" was built in 1997 on the same site as certified warehouse area "A", the new certified warehouse area would be audited initially in 1997 prior to being used for chemical storage. If the certified warehouse area operator requests certified warehouse area e "B" have a new certification number, certified warehouse area "B would be due for re-audit in 1999. In this example the site has to co-ordinate re-audits in a different year.

For sites that have 2 certified warehouse area on the same site and choose to maintain 1 certification number, the entire site maintains the 1st certified warehouse area audit cycle. For example:

Facility "A" was originally certified in May 1996, this certified warehouse area must be re-certified in 1998. If certified warehouse area "B" was built in 1997 on the same site as certified warehouse area "A", the new certified warehouse area would be audited initially in 1997 prior to being used for chemical storage. If the site operator chooses to maintain one certification number, the entire site must maintain the original certified warehouse area's audit cycle, meaning that the entire site is due for re-audit in 1998.