

Guidance for Verifying No Visible Emissions by a Non-Certified Observer for a 10-Consecutive Second Standard

The procedure for the visual observation shall be as follows:

1. Select a position that enables a clear view of the potential emission point(s). Position of observer; minimum 15 feet away without sunlight shining directly into the observer's eyes.
2. Minimum duration of total observation time is ten (10) minutes.
3. Clocking: Use two stopwatches. Start the first stopwatch to track the 10-minute block period and commence observation. Once you see visible emissions, start the second stopwatch, and stop the second watch when visible emissions cease. If the second stopwatch records more than 10 seconds, stop both watches, cease the observation, and record the fact that visible emissions were noted in excess of 10-consecutive seconds. If the second stopwatch records less than 10 seconds of visible emissions, reset the second stopwatch and keep it ready for use for any onset of subsequent events of visible emissions until completion of the 10-minute time period on the first stopwatch.