

Poll Results: More than a Trivia Question: Enhancing Operators' Regulatory Literacy

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Have you been involved in or affected by reactionary regulations?
[48 responses]



STATE REGULATORS: are you directly involved in the regulations
process? [37 responses]



Ah-Has from table discussions:

- Regulation questions were not removed from examinations. The information or knowledge we are looking for was transformed into what causes the situation, how do we fix it and what are the impacts and who do we notify.
- Some states have stricter rules than the feds. Can cause confusion.
- Regulations are not the same in every state. This can cause a problem. Hard to standardize.
- Only 20% of the questions may be on the exam. They could miss most and still pass exam.
- Focus exam on determining operator competence.
- The exam is to determine competence, not just current regulations.
- Keep regulations separate in CE.
- Training during certification renewals as part of CEU requirements.
- Having the questions on the test is not as effective as CE.
- Operators need to know the regulations, not just when they take the exam.
- Someone that took their exam 30 years ago may never update on the rules.
- Rules should be refreshed because of changes.
- Improved OJT programs should include regulation recognition and teach operators the importance of processes, job duties, and understanding regulations and how the combination of the three contribute to meeting the numbers.
- Foundational concepts: testing. Specifics/values: training