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1. Is maintaining ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation an appropriate demonstration that an applicant meets the eligibility criterion for Demonstration of Impartial Governance required for recognition as a Verification Oversight Organization?

   There is no perfect test and no perfect way to ensure good governance. All you can do is build systems and push for oversight and transparency. Becoming 17065 Accredited is at least as appropriate a demonstration of Impartial Governance as Non-Profit Status. In that very specific sense, the EPA is getting at least the equivalent and (most likely) even an upgrade in Impartial Governance. Likely, the oversight and transparency of quality 17065 accredited organizations will be a significant step forward. It is important that the long-term requirement is full-accreditation.

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