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- Is ISO/IEC 17020 accreditation (or becoming a sub-contractor to an accredited organization) feasible/reasonable for the types of companies that are currently delivering energy ratings in the marketplace today?

  This seems like a reasonable requirement and would be the expectation we would expect as part of a holistic 17065 EPA approach.

  In general, this will push companies to choose pathways – long term. There will be few organizations that have the bandwidth or find the value proposition to remain qualified in both the existing and the emerging pathways. The process seems somewhat like trying to keep accredited in both RESNET and BPI. They are two ends with many overlapping requirements. For years, we thought … why can't they figure out … how to mutually accept the other organizations training and certification. But, for reasons that seem smart to the leadership of these organizations but less smart to ours, they cannot find a way to consolidate and make it easier for the end user / Rater or Building Performance Analyst. (One example of why they lose our support.) We are considered a big company in this industry. But, even an organization as large as ours finds it cumbersome and expensive to manage certifications in both. No doubt, the transition to 17065 is likely to require time and investment and significant training on additional systems. Other than that, … it is just like any other change that we must deal with in the construction world. We will decide and move forward!

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