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What are the potential impacts to builders, verifiers, and homebuyers in terms of additional costs and/or lengthier certification times resulting from an ISO/IEC 17065-based approach to verification oversight? What information is available to validate these concerns?

Higher costs and lengthier certification times are not appealing in this or any marketplace. The organizations that I have spoken with who might be potential 17065 VOO applicants do not perceive that there is added price or certification performance gap impending from implementation of the 17065 methodologies. Perhaps we will find improved QA and enhanced representation of Raters in the marketplace. Initially, I see no reason to assume that impacts would be negative. I think that the chances are equally or perhaps more likely to be positive Potential benefits abound.

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It is important to note that there is no guarantee that the industry will reap any of the potential benefits … under the current **or** the proposed system. However, because EPA is taking the opportunity to create competitive platforms … the market now has a chance to respond to competitive offerings. The potential outcome is all positive and there are very few negative impacts.

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