The District recognizes there will be a significant increase in source testing for the foreseeable future. In an effort to better serve the needs of our permit holders, we are revising our policy to better accommodate testing contractors and thereby allow affected sources additional opportunities to meet rule deadlines.

Effective immediately, contractors conducting district-authorized criteria pollutant source testing may test on the District’s flex Friday. In addition, any test may start during daylight hours and is not limited to the normal working hours of the District.

From March 25, 2005 thru June 1, 2005, contractors conducting district-authorized criteria pollutant source testing may test during daylight hours on weekends and holidays. Furthermore, any other testing, outside the time periods mentioned in this advisory, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the compliance division.

The District hopes these changes will ease scheduling constraints for both the testing contractors and the sources that must meet rule deadlines. The District will monitor how well these changes meet the needs of the affected parties and will make accommodations as necessary to address special situations. The District will closely evaluate all policy decisions in this matter to insure fairness to all parties, and most importantly, to protect the health of the public.

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback on this issue, please contact the compliance division nearest you.