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**RE: Fire Extinguisher Technician (EE) Testing**

**Dear Vikkie,**

**It has come to our attention, that the OSFM is planning to stop offering extinguisher testing for technicians during the last three months (October,November,December) of this 2018 year We understand that part of this reason is due to complaints from companies that paid for a license and then immediately had to pay a renewal fee. We are sure, that the companies in question were not aware, that an option was to have no one test during that three month period , which would be the solution to saving them the $ 85.00 renewal fee.**

**To stop the testing during this time would affect many companies and create a hardship. What this decision is doing is keeping companies from hiring new technicians until next year. Yes, they can work under another license for 90 days, but technicians are hired and trained to be out on their own as soon as possible, in order to be profitable to the company. If a company were to hire a technician during the last quarter, they will not be able to work on their own.**

**This letter is a request for you to please reconsider the decision to stop extinguisher testing during the last quarter and to help keep our business moving forward, Thank you for your consideration.**

**Regards.**