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ALSC Accredited Treated Agencies

Several questions have been asked recently about the trigger percentages used by ALSC Field Representatives and Staff when determining if a treating plant is being placed on recall or priority recall and when a Chapter and Verse letter is issued to treated plants. The text and tables below summarize ALSC's criteria for recall and priority recall assignment and guide the reader to the ALSC January 2021 Chapter and Verse policy statement.

Recall

A recall is issued by ALSC staff when a report resulting from a survey (treated samples and records inspection) or recall visit conducted by an ALSC Field representative identifies issues with one or more items that exceed the boundaries shown in Table 1. When a plant is placed on recall ALSC Field Representatives will make a visit of the plant during their normal travels related to their six-month survey.

Table 1-Recall Triggers

Item failure percentage for individual items penetration failure	Shall not exceed 40% of the cores for any one inspection.
Average failure percentage for all items penetration failure	Shall not exceed 20% for all charges inspected.
Item percentage for individual items retention failure	Shall not exceed 25%
Average for percentage of all items retention failure	Shall not exceed 5%
Records, charge number, other M25 requirements being deficient	ALSC staff discretion

Priority Recall

A priority recall is issued by ALSC staff when a report resulting from a survey (treated samples and records inspection) or recall visit by an ALSC Field representative identifies issues with one or more items that exceed the boundaries of Table 2. When a plant is placed on priority recall ALSC Field Representatives will prioritize going to these mills to follow up on the corrective action being taken by the accredited agencies.

Table 2-Priority Recall Triggers

Average failure percentage for all items penetration failure	Average failure percentage shall not exceed 25%.
Item percentage for individual items retention failure	The individual retention value for any charge shall be 75% of the nominal retention value of the charge.
Average for percentage of all items retention failure	Shall not exceed 10%
Other very serious M25 deficiencies	ALSC staff discretion

Chapter and Verse

The Chapter and Verse Agency Expectations are outlined a January 7, 2021 document adopted by the ALSC Board of Review at their January 7, 2021 Board meeting. This document can be found under the Survey methodology link found on the treated wood tab for the ALSC.ORG website.

Sincerely,



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