



National Information Assurance Partnership

Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

CCEVS Policy Letter #6

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SUBJECT: Location of CCTL Evaluation Testing Activities

PURPOSE: To clarify the CCEVS policy on evaluation testing oversight.

BACKGROUND: The Common Criteria ATE and AVA classes require the evaluation team to perform testing on the Target of Evaluation. CCEVS validation methodologies call for technical oversight of all evaluation activities, including evaluation testing. Proper testing oversight requires that:

1. the validator have adequate preparation time, and
2. the validator is present to witness all or a subset of ATE and AVA evaluation team activities.

CCEVS will provide travel funds to permit validators to oversee testing. However, CCEVS travel funds are limited.

POLICY: In order to allow the validator adequate time to prepare for testing oversight, the evaluation test plan must be delivered to the validator at least five business days prior to the start of the testing activities. Further, the dates for testing must be determined and the validator must be notified of the date for testing to commence. This date must be provided to the validator at least one month prior to the date.

In order to allow the validator to witness testing activities, all Evaluation Acceptance Packages must include the planned testing location for the evaluation. Testing for all CCEVS evaluations must occur in the Continental United States (CONUS) or Canada in order to permit validation oversight. Exceptions to this location requirement may be granted on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of CCEVS, but will require a significant justification for exception.

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