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NOVICE EXAMS TO THE VEC SYSTEM

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COMMENTS ON: THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO INCORPORATE THE NOVICE EXAMINATION PROGRAM UNDER THE VEC SYSTEM.

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WE AGREE WITH THE NEED TO HAVE ALL VE BE ACCREDITED SO THAT THEY ARE CURRENT ON THE TEST QUESTION POOLS AND PROCEDURES, HOWEVER WE DON'T SEE A NEED FOR 3 LEVELS OF VE'S.

THE SYSTEM COULD BE REDUCED TO 2 VE LEVELS. THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ALLOWING BOTH THE GENERAL AND ADVANCED CLASS VE'S TO GIVE ELEMENTS 1A, 2 AND 3A AT A COORDINATED TEST SESSIONS. THE EXTRA CLASS VE'S WOULD GIVE ALL ELEMENTS (NO CHANGE).

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ADVANCED VE AND THE GENERAL VE WOULD BE THE ABILITY TO GIVE ELEMENT 3A. (IF THE RULES WERE CHANGED TO ALLOW GENERAL CLASS VE'S TO GIVE ELEMENT 1A TO A NO-CODE TECH)
2. AVERAGE TESTING SESSION HAS ABOUT 8 TO 13 APPLICANTS FOR EXAMINATION, AND WITH 3 EXTRA VE'S, 3 ADVANCED VE'S, AND 2 GENERAL VE'S, YOU WOULD HAVE A TOTAL OF 8 VE AT THAT SESSION. WE HAVE FOUND THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF VE'S AT A SMALL TEST SESSION TO BE DISRUPTIVE AND INTIMIDATES THE EXAMINEES.
3. WITH 3 SEPERATE CLASSES OF VE'S, IT WOULD MAKE IT HARDER TO MAINTAIN SEPERATION OF TEST AND PAPER WORK AT A SESSION.
4. IN THE PAST A GENERAL CLASS AMATEUR WERE ABLE TO GIVE BOTH THE NOVICE AND TECHNICIAN EXAMS. THE GENERAL EXAM IS BOTH A CODE TEST AND WRITTEN EXAM HIGHER THAN THE TECHICIAN/HF EXAMS, SO THEY ARE ADMINISTERING ONE ELEMENT BELOW WHAT THEY HAVE PASSED.
5. WE HAVE VERY FEW REQUEST FOR THE NOVICE EXAM AND IF A NO-CODE TECH WANTED TO UPGRADE UNDER THE PRESENT RULES THE GENERAL VE COULD NOT GIVE THE CODE TEST, WHICH WOULD LEAVE LITTLE FOR THE GENERAL VE TO DO EXCEPT SIGN PEOPLE IN AND CHECK 610S, WHICH A NON-VE COULD DO.

WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE TESTING PROGRAM SIMPLE AND WE THINK A TWO LEVEL VE SYSTEM IS THE BEST WAY TO FOLLOW THAT LINE OF THINKING.

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