



## Test Monitoring Center

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*ASTM consensus has not been obtained on this information letter. An appropriate ASTM ballot will be issued in order to achieve such consensus.*

TO: Sequence VI Mailing List

SUBJECT: Maximum Allowed Downtime Increased

During a January 19, 2010 Sequence VI Surveillance Panel Meeting, the panel agreed to increase the total amount of allowable downtime for a Sequence VID test from 12 hours to 18 hours. Section 11.6.1.1 has been revised to reflect the increased allowable downtime.

The attached changes to Test Method D 7589 are effective January 19, 2010.

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Attachment

c: [ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/gas/sequencevi/procedure\\_and\\_ils/vid/il10-1.pdf](ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/gas/sequencevi/procedure_and_ils/vid/il10-1.pdf)

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(Revises Test Method D7589, as amended by Information Letter 09-2)

11.6.1.1 *Unscheduled Shutdown and Restart*—There are no scheduled shutdown periods in the test. Continuous operation is expected from initial warm-up prior to flushing in the BL oil before test oil through the final testing of the BL oil segment after the test oil. If an unexpected shutdown does occur, the maximum allowable downtime per test is 18 h. Only four unscheduled shutdowns per test are allowed. Report all shutdowns and the amount of time per shutdown in the downtime occurrence section of the final report. Report all other deviations in test time from the appropriate table in the comment section of the final report. Include details in these comments as to why the deviation occurred and the total time of the occurrence. If unexpected shutdowns occur, the following guidelines apply: