



Cross-Connection Control – Updates & Selected Best Practices

- 1.) When testing an RP (RPZ, RPZA) - ASSE 1013, or RPDA – ASSE 1047. Field-Test Procedure requirements are listed under WSSC Water Code Section 508.4.1 and those standards will always require a backpressure test on check valve #2. However, Cross-Connection Technicians are not required to submit the differential reading for Check Valve #2 when entering information into the Cross-Connection Test Reporting System.
- 2.) Please review WSSC Water Code Section 302.6 for dead end requirements.
- 3.) Please review WSSC Water Code Section 506.1.1 regarding fixture outlet alterations.
- 5.) Verify the assembly serial number prior to submitting CCTR System data. Incorrectly entered serial numbers cause problems for WSSC Water, WSSC Water Customers, and Testers.
- 6.) Each test report submitted must have the WSSC Water Licensee name and license number of the tester that actually performed the field test. The licensee that is performing the field test must have a current Cross-Connection Technician Certificate on file with WSSC Water Licensing.
- 7.) Upon completion of entering a Test Report within the WSSC Water Cross Connection Test Report System, an opportunity to save or print a .pdf version of the Test Report is available. Please provide your Customer with this .pdf copy and do not give handwritten field forms to your customers.
- 8.) Please report gauge readings accurately. Call our office at (301)-206-4004 if you get 15.0 + reading on any check valve or relief valve opening point.
- 9.) The WSSC Water “Grace period” for Cross-Connection Technician Certificate renewal is 1-year past the expiration of date listed on the Backflow Tester Training Certificate. A Licensee performing an assembly field test shall not perform a field test nor submit Cross-Connection Test Reports without first having a current Cross-Connection Technician Certificate on file with WSSC Water licensing.
- 10.) Testable assembly replacement may be on a long form permit, but at a minimum, short form permit.
- 11.) Repair of testable assemblies – permit not required. Must use OEM parts and submit final report results to WSSC Water via the Cross-Connection Test Reporting on-line system.
- 12.) Replacement of non-testable devices, permit is allowed, but not required.
- 13.) If the assembly has an unreadable or unknown mfg. or model or serial number call an Inspection Services Agent at (301)-206-4004, or the Prince George’s County Cross Connection Supervisor at (301)-206-8601 or the Montgomery County Cross Connection Supervisor at (301)-206-7932 – or send photo with address to crossconnectioncontrolprogram@wsscwater.com
- 14.) Field Test report results must be submitted on-line to WSSC Water within 30 days for the test to be valid (See WSSC Code Section 504.4). Do not mail or bring paper field test forms to WSSC Water for submittal.
- 15.) Differential pressure gauges utilized for the purpose of field testing backflow assemblies must be checked for accuracy annually. The date of the accuracy check and/or calibration shall be entered on-line through the Cross Connection Test Reporting System.

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