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Fee Schedule for Services

Services Provided

Dirigo Laboratories, Inc. is an accredited EPA emissions testing laboratory serving the hearth products industry. Dirigo charges fees for the testing, auditing, certification and listing of residential wood-fired heating appliances.

Testing

Clients are provided with a quote for services based on the type of appliance that will be tested. Upon quote approval by client, a deposit for testing must be received. Upon receipt of the deposit, scheduling can occur and preparation can begin. Testing fees are based on the type of appliance that is being tested. Prices for testing include appliance evaluation, set up, test preparation, certification testing, data acquisition and processing, manual and drawing review, report preparation and submittal. Additional fees can occur when the scope of testing changes. Any additional testing or associated fees are charged time and material.

Post Testing Fees

Upon successful completion of testing, a quality system supplied by the manufacturer is to be reviewed. This process also includes on-site inspection of the manufacturer facilities to assure compliance with the quality system and that production models correspond to the appliance that was tested. Upon successful completion of the quality system evaluation, a report will be generated.

There is a minimum charge for factory inspections and report writing. Travel time is charged at an hourly rate. Additional charges accrue on a time and material basis when the minimum charge is exceeded. All travel related costs including but not limited to air fare, hotel, and car rental are pass-through charges with no mark-up.

Certification Fees

Upon approval, certification can be issued and the appliance may be listed by Dirigo Laboratories. An annual minimum listing fee is charged to the certified appliance. Along with this fee, are the label fees associated with each unit produced in the model line. These fees are charged on a sliding scale with discounts based on the number of units produced. These fees pay for the implementation of the certification and label program and maintain an infrastructure that allows for inquiries about the certified appliance.

Post Certification Fees

Follow-up surveillance inspections of manufacturer facilities are conducted on an annual basis to assure conformance with the requirements of product certification. These fees mirror those of the post testing requirements as mentioned previously. Additional unannounced inspections may occur at any time if Dirigo Laboratories deems it necessary to ensure conformance of the quality system.