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Hi Larry,

We are aware of the alternative method. We don't have any extra approvals necessary beyond EPA. I can't speak for any specific interest at this time - but, we will reach out with any questions we may have.

v/r,

Jason Olds

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My name is Larry Whicher and I represent Compliance Assurance Associates, Inc. (CAA), a company specializing in EPA Method 9 certification (smoke schools).

I am writing to introduce you to our latest product, VirtualOpacity®, which was recently approved by the EPA for Method 9 certification using a virtual reality (VR) platform. Method 9 ALT-152 is a method allowing visible emission (VE) readers to certify using a VR headset.

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This visible emissions platform revolutionizes smoke schools by saving time, offering convenience, and reducing Method 9's carbon footprint. Combined with CAA's online self-paced lecture course, our platform provides comprehensive VE training at your fingertips.

**We are offering VirtualOpacity® at no charge to agencies.**

We are reaching out to air quality agencies throughout the U.S. to get a sense of the acceptance of this alternative method:

- Has your organization been made aware of Method 9 ALT-152?
- If so, has your agency adopted this method?
- If not, does your agency require a separate vetting process for EPA federal alternative methods?

Please respond to this email and let us know if you are interested in learning more about VirtualOpacity® and using the product within your jurisdiction.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need clarification or have questions.

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