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Art,

note Montana's edits to their letter. See attached

From: Grantham, Jamin <Jamin.Grantham2@mt.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 4:17 PM

To: Joe Spivey <joe.spivey@Compliance-Assurance.com>

Cc: Bradley, Adam <Adam.Bradley@mt.gov>

Subject: RE: VR Smoke School

My apologies Joe, changes have been made.

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From: Joe Spivey <joe.spivey@Compliance-Assurance.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 2:01 PM

To: Grantham, Jamin <Jamin.Grantham2@mt.gov>

Cc: Bradley, Adam <Adam.Bradley@mt.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: VR Smoke School

Jamin,

My apologies but Arthur Eberle has points out something that could create a branding infringement issue .

He pointed out the following:

Their second Paragraph says

“.....**VR smoke school's**..... and not virtual opacity or compliance assurance associates
VR Smoke School is a different company

We are not VR Smoke School, that is a branded reference to another company”

Could we change this to says either “Virtual Opacity Smoke School’s”, or “Compliance Assurance Associate, Inc.’s virtual smoke school programs”?

From: Grantham, Jamin <Jamin.Grantham2@mt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 11:54 AM
To: Joe Spivey <joe.spivey@Compliance-Assurance.com>
Cc: Bradley, Adam <Adam.Bradley@mt.gov>
Subject: RE: VR Smoke School

Joe,

This should have all the requested edits.

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From: Joe Spivey <joe.spivey@Compliance-Assurance.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:51 AM
To: Grantham, Jamin <Jamin.Grantham2@mt.gov>
Cc: Bradley, Adam <Adam.Bradley@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: VR Smoke School

Jamin,

MT Acceptance 001 need a date correction to August 18, 2024 and ALT-1521 corrected to ALT-152. These corrections were made.

In the process the address line was made incorrect. See MT Acceptance 002. Gabriel Keilholz, VR Smoke School, LLC. Needs to be corrected back to Joe Spivey, Compliance Assurance Associates, Inc. or Arthur Eberle, Compliance Assurance Associated , Inc. I will be calling with next steps very soon.

Sincerely,

Joe Spivey
President

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From: Grantham, Jamin <Jamin.Grantham2@mt.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 9:58 AM

To: Joe Spivey <joe.spivey@Compliance-Assurance.com>

Cc: Bradley, Adam <Adam.Bradley@mt.gov>

Subject: RE: VR Smoke School

Hi Joe,

I have made the requested changes. Please advise on next steps.

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From: Joe Spivey <joe.spivey@Compliance-Assurance.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 2:09 PM

To: Bradley, Adam <Adam.Bradley@mt.gov>; Grantham, Jamin <Jamin.Grantham2@mt.gov>;

Velasquez, Rina <RVelasquez@mt.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: VR Smoke School

Mr. Bradey and Co.,

The September 18, 2025 referred to in your acceptance letter needs to be August 13, 2024 see the link below:

<https://compliance-assurance.com/PDFs/EPA-Approval-Letter-CAA-ALT-152.pdf> [[compliance-assurance.com](#)]

The EPA made an error in the sending out of another approval letter September 18, 2025. If you are granting CAA acceptance based on the information we have provided you, and the demonstrations we gave your offices in both Helena and Billings demonstration that date should August 13, 2024. The first record of EPA approval was January 25, 2024. The NC letter that I believe we sent you long ago as a template uses the wording “alternative test method ALT-152¹” where the 1 after 152 is a superscript. Apparently, your text program translated it to ALT-1521. Could you correct this to be ALT 152.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

From: Bradley, Adam <Adam.Bradley@mt.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 2:29 PM

To: Grantham, Jamin <Jamin.Grantham2@mt.gov>; Velasquez, Rina <RVelasquez@mt.gov>

Cc: Joe Spivey <joe.spivey@Compliance-Assurance.com>

Subject: VR Smoke School

When enrolling with Compliance Assurance: Helena and Billings entries are regular smoke schools. The 20XX (he believes 2013 now, increases monthly) is the VR signup.

After signup with VR, we will each receive an email with information, type in link provided by compliance assurance in META setup, confirm login, proceed.

The approval letter will be coming back with some requested edits based on some legal language. Some issues with ALT-152 method, and a competing company using proprietary tech [aeromet(sp)]. The approved method for CA is ALT-152A, so legally it needs that distinction.

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