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**Cc:** [White, Tracy A.](#); [Dalton, Jessica](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FDEP Lecture Requirement  
**Date:** Friday, August 31, 2018 9:51:35 AM

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Mr. Martin,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email. Thank you for letting us know.

Thanks,



**Carol Melton**

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It appears AeroMet's on-line visible emissions course has previously been approved by FDEP to meet the requirements of 62-297.320 [Standards for Persons Engaged in Visible Emissions Observations](#) (see below).

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**From:** Gabriel Keilholz [<mailto:gkeilholz@aeromet.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 7:25 AM  
**To:** Kasper, Martin  
**Subject:** FDEP Lecture Requirement

Hi Marty,

Yes, our lecture is approved by FDEP to meet or be equivalent to the requirements in 62-297.320. Our original lecture CD was approved by Mr. Errin Pichard. When we introduced our online lecture in 2015, it was approved by Mr. Syed Arif. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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FW: Method 9 visible emissions observation

**Date:** Thu, 30 Aug 2018 20:19:56 +0000

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**To:** 'AeroMet Smoke School' <[info@aeromet.org](mailto:info@aeromet.org)>

I just registered for AeroMet's on-line classroom and will be attending smoke school in Perry, GA in two weeks. Does AeroMet's on-line classroom certification meet the requirements (62-297.320 *Standards for Persons Engaged in Visible Emissions Observations*) as outlined below for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection?

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 12:40 PM

**To:** Kasper, Martin

**Cc:** NWDAIR; Melton, Carol

**Subject:** RE: Method 9 visible emissions observation

Mr. Kasper,

Sorry for the delay.

Regarding your question below, if the provider's online course meets the classroom lecture requirements of the below rule, it should be acceptable.

Also, I do not know if AeroMet has submitted their online classroom requisites and syllabus to the Department for review.

If you want to discuss that issue in more detail, please contact Carol Melton at 850-595-0616, or at her email (copied).

Thanks,

-Tracy

**62-297.320 Standards for Persons Engaged in Visible Emissions Observations.**

(3) Classroom Lecture.

(a) The classroom lecture shall include the following topics and exercises:

1. Sources and causes of visible emissions.
2. Common types of emission control equipment and their effects on visible emissions observations.
3. History of opacity measurement.
4. Principles and theory of opacity.
5. Plume types and characteristics.
6. Legal aspects of visible emissions observations and legal defensibility of Method 9.
7. Basic meteorological conditions that influence plume behavior.
8. Proper procedures for conducting field observations under a variety of conditions.
9. A demonstration of commonly used measurement devices including a compass, a wind speed measurement device, and an inclinometer.
10. A written exercise demonstrating the proper procedure for documentation of observations.

(b) Training providers shall issue a signed and dated certificate or card to all persons attending the classroom lecture

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**Subject:** RE: Method 9 visible emissions observation

I will not be able to obtain a copy of my classroom certification from my previous employer. Would certification from the below on-line course be acceptable to FDEP? If so, I will complete by the end of year, if that is acceptable.

<https://www.aeromet.org/smoke-school-lecture-course>

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**From:** NWDAIR [<mailto:NWDAIR@dep.state.fl.us>]  
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**Subject:** RE: Method 9 visible emissions observation

Mr. Kasper,

Please provide a copy of your classroom certification with the last completion date (reference 62-297.320 FAC).

If you cannot locate the certificate, see the following options that may assist you in demonstrating compliance with the rule:

- Contact your previous employer to obtain a copy of your classroom certification.

- Or contact the VE certification provider and request a copy of your certificate.
- Or provide a previous VE test report that indicates your last classroom training date.
  - If none of the above are possible, provide an upcoming date of when you will attend the next classroom certification, and the provider you will use.

Thank you for your assistance.

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**Subject:** RE: Method 9 visible emissions observation

Attached is my Method 9 field certification. My classroom certification is with my previous employer in Columbia, MO. I have been Method 9 certified uninterrupted for 15 years.

*Marty Kasper*

**From:** NWDAIR [<mailto:NWDAIR@dep.state.fl.us>]  
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**To:** Kasper, Martin  
**Cc:** NWDAIR  
**Subject:** RE: Method 9 visible emissions observation

Mr. Kasper,

Please include a copy of your classroom and field certifications with the VE report.

Thank you,

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**From:** Kasper, Martin [<mailto:Martin.Kasper@kraton.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2018 2:47 PM  
**To:** NWDAIR <[NWDAIR@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:NWDAIR@dep.state.fl.us)>  
**Subject:** Method 9 visible emissions observation

Attached for your review is the testing report for the visible emissions observation of the Boiler #3 (EU037) chimney conducted on July 19, 2018. If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me.

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