

The Standards Laboratory and the Corrective Action Notification (CAN) Process

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Topics Covered

The Standards Laboratory (SL) and CANs

Examples of CANs issued by the SL

1 Minute Fly By CAN Case Study

CAN Resolution Assistance



Standards Laboratory and CANs

- Common calibration facility for the PQAO
- Verification ensures data collection systems have traceability to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- Failures impact data quality, therefore a CAN will document steps taken to resolve the identified issue
 - CANs issued in 2023: 18
 - Equipment Tested in 2023: 407



Examples of CANs Issued by the SL

Verification Failure

Range (ppb)	500			
Comparison		Date	Slope	Intercept
1		2/1/2021	1.002325	-0.000096
2		2/2/2021	1.001895	-0.000029
3		2/2/2021	1.002520	-0.000171
4		7/14/2021	1.004405	0.000275
5		1/6/2022	0.994828	0.000031
6		7/5/2022	0.969672	0.000096

MEAN Slope:	0.995941	
MEAN Intercept:	0.000018	

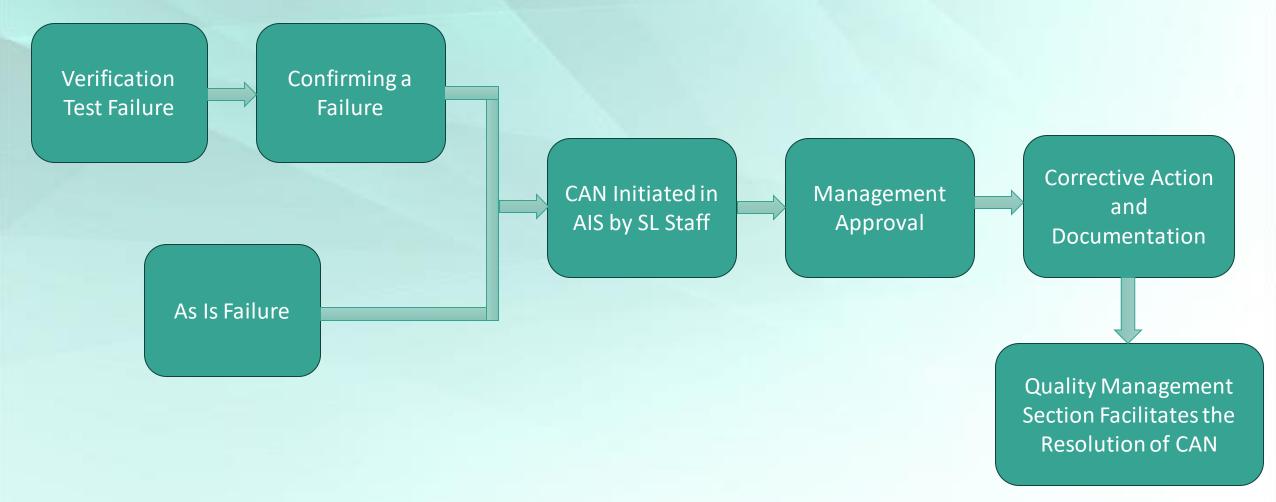
RSD Slope [(Stdev / Mean) x 100] =	1.33%	(< 1.5
FRSD Intercept [(Stdev / Fullscale) x 100] =	0.00003%	(< 0.5
Change From Previous Calibration =	2.53%	(< 1.0

- "As Is" Failure
 - Unit not powering on
 - Blank or black screen
 - Failed leak check
 - Erroneous readings
 - Visibly broken or damaged parts





SL and the CAN Life Cycle 1 Minute Fly By Example





CAN Resolution Assistance

• Failure of verification criteria may impact data quality if calibrations were made using the equipment with the identified failure

- Investigation must be conducted
 - Examine the data collected at the air monitoring station
 - Look for changes in your nightly precision checks and calibrations
 - Gather evidence for whether data needs invalidating or not
- Your PQAO liaison is available to help in the investigation



Questions?



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