National Information Assurance Partnership

Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

™

CCEVS Policy Letter #25

11 March 2016

SUBJECT: Terminated Evaluations: Limitations and Restrictions

REFERENCE: Committee on National Security Systems Policy #11
CCEVS Policy Letter #18- 'Time Limits on NIAP Evaluations'
CCEVS Check-In/Check-Out Guidance

PURPOSE: Establishes time limitations and restrictions for NIAP Evaluation Resubmissions

BACKGROUND: National Security System customers require current products to be evaluated in a timely manner. As product lifecycles continue to decrease, it is imperative we constrain the amount of time a product is allowed to remain in evaluation. NIAP currently publishes an In Evaluation list which includes products in various stages of NIAP evaluation. National Security System procurement officials may use the In Evaluation list to gain advance notice of products that, upon successful evaluation completion, may be considered for procurement per CNSSP 11. An ancillary use of this list is as a vendor marketing tool to raise NSS awareness as early as possible about products in evaluation.

While NIAP does not guarantee all products on the In Evaluation list will successfully complete evaluation, to minimize the risk of project termination, vendors and CCTLs must ensure project schedules are adhered to and all agreed deadlines are met. Schedule delays and failure to complete an evaluation on time are grounds for project termination. The timeframe for evaluations begins at the date of the check-in meeting and ends when the evaluation has been published on the Product Compliant List. To mitigate schedule slippage, issues that put evaluation schedules at risk should be addressed as early as possible.

POLICY: Effective 31 March 2016, any evaluation that has been resubmitted for NIAP evaluation after termination for exceeding project deadlines or for schedule delays is subject to the following restrictions, at NIAP's discretion. Resubmitted evaluations:

- must follow all NIAP processes, including the complete NIAP check-in procedure,
- must be completed and posted to the NIAP Product Compliant List within 90 days of check-in, and
- are not eligible to be listed on NIAP In Evaluation List.

EFFECTIVE DATE: All current evaluations are encouraged to meet this policy immediately. All new evaluations are subject to this policy effective 31 March 2016.

Original Signed By

JANINE S. PEDERSEN
Director, NIAP