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EPEAT Overview

EPEAT has been consolidating operations and planning ahead during the months since our Q2 Update.

- We've launched two new Verification Rounds, with Round 2010-2 currently in its final stages and Round 2010-3 actively underway.
- We've upgraded the Subscriber fee recording software to post notifications to Subscribers' My Account pages.
- With the help of ITI, we've crunched the numbers for our 2009 Environmental Benefits Report, which will be released in the next few weeks.
- Staff and Board of Advisors members are developing an accreditation program for the independently operated Product Registration Entities (PREs) envisioned in the 1680 standard, with the intent to open such accreditation to qualified organizations by the start of 2011.

[Sarah O'Brien](#),

EPEAT Outreach and Communications

Subscriber Renewal News

In tandem with EPEAT's ongoing recognition and usage in the worldwide IT marketplace, EPEAT's [renewal fees](#) have also grown for the coming fee year. In June our Board of Advisors gave final approval to a new fee schedule that increases all Subscribers' fees, and readjusts some of the perceived inequities among tiers and regions.

These increases will enable us to more effectively manage the EPEAT system and better serve Subscribers and purchasers. But we understand that fee increases are never welcome - and appreciate your understanding and support of the system going forward.

A [brief discussion of the changes](#) and the market access and support that they underwrite is on your My Account page at [epeat.net](#).

Verification Update

Verification Round 2010-2 is still in process. The PVC has made

their final decisions on 31 out of 45 investigations and Subscribers have been contacted regarding the results of these investigations. The PVC has requested additional information regarding the other 14 investigations and will be making their final decisions this week. Subscribers will be notified at that time of the results of the investigations. Forty-five different Subscribers were verified in this Verification round. More information will be available in the upcoming Verification Round 2010-02 Outcomes Report. For details on the focus of this Round's investigations, see the [Round 2010-2 Plan](#).

Verification Round 2010-3 began on June 28, 2010. This round verifies required criterion 4.6.1.1 - Provision of take-back service for all active Subscribers. This round is scheduled to be completed at the beginning of August 2010. For details on this round see the [Round 2010-3 Plan](#).

Verification Round 2010-1 highlighted many issues with declarations involving criteria 4.2.1.1, 4.2.1.2, 4.2.1.3, 4.2.2.1 and 4.2.2.2. The EPEAT declaration software allowed Subscribers to enter confusing and conflicting information. Changes have been made to the registry software to disallow conflicting information.

For more information or questions regarding the Verification Rounds or changes to registry software, please contact EPEAT Registry Services Manager, [Erin Gately](#).

Notices

- Subscriber renewal reminders will now appear on the My Account page, to ensure that all parties are aware of upcoming renewal dates. In addition, specific past due intervals will be marked by restricted access to the registry. We expect that this will occur rarely, since most Subscribers renew well within their reminder period - but it will ensure that everyone is held to the same expectations.
- The 2009 EPEAT Environmental Benefits Report will be released in August - we'll give you a heads up prior to release to see if your communications or marketing staff would like to use the occasion to highlight your EPEAT accomplishments.
- EPEAT Certificate Training will roll out over the next few months. [Contact us](#) to learn more, and let us know if you would like to host or participate in a training session.

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