

DWRG Negative Vote Criterion and Guidelines

(part of the DRWG Voting Procedures)

In order to establish a consistent method of negative voting among the DRWG voting members, the following criterion should be used when casting a negative vote via the DWRG voting process. These guidelines should accelerate review of the data sets as well as deposition of negative votes. All negative votes should relate to one or more of the following areas:

- (1) **Procedural:** Did the data submitted follow existing DWRG procedures or CMH-17 documented guidelines existing at the time the data was submitted? (This includes procedural processes approved through the CMH-17 committee process) Reasons for a negative vote include:
 - a) Data submitted does not meet the reporting requirements documented at the time the data was submitted.
 - b) If a specific exemption from the “as existing” guidelines has been agreed to (e.g. “grandfathered” data sets), the data submitted does not satisfy the conditions set by the agreed to exemption.
 - c) If there is a question to how the guidance has been applied to the data set submitted in question, (is it a matter of interpretation on how to apply the guidance).

 - (2) **Analysis Objection:** Were the data submitted analyzed following existing approved CMH-17 procedures? Reasons for a negative vote include:
 - a) CMH-17 statistical procedures were not followed.
 - b) Questions about the engineering judgment applied to the data set submitted, (e.g. assumptions made would not result in a conservative allowable being published.) (Please provide additional documentation or any previous data experience to aid in data set resolution)
 - c) Outliers were dispositioned outside approved guidance in Volume 1, Section 2.4.4.
 - d) Other technical issues that could have changed the statistical results provided in the data tables (not editorial changes).
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Negative votes cast not following the criterion listed above will not be considered as valid negative votes and will not be considered in data set revision.

All negative votes will be documented in the Data Review Working Group minutes.