CORRECTION DATE

A correction date is the time period in which a noncompliant item must be corrected.

A correction date should be:

- realistic as to what the facility can accomplish, and
- appropriate to the severity of the NCI
- determined with the concurrence of the licensee or responsible person, if appropriate

NOTE: If the inspection report is being sent by certified mail, be sure to allow for the mailing time when setting the correction date.

A correction date is given for:

- newly identified "Direct" NCIs (see Indirect & Direct
 Noncompliant Items-Section 7.6) These should be given a
 short correction period, e.g., immediately, by close of
 business on (*date*), within 72 hours, within 10 days. The
 correction date should **never** exceed 30 days.
 NOTE: Reinspection for correction of a "D" noncompliant
 item must occur no more than 45 days after the correction
 date.
- newly identified "Indirect" NCIs Field inspectors may allow up to 1 year for a correction.

A correction date is **NOT** given for:

- an NCI corrected during the inspection The inspector may decide, using his/her own discretion, whether or not to cite the NCI. If cited, put "Corrected during the inspection."
 Documenting this NCI may be necessary to show the facility's history of compliance.
- repeat noncompliant items
- NCIs identified on a prelicense inspection
- transportation violations identified while the animal is in transit

For an NCI previously identified for which time remains for correction, the correction date should be transferred from the previous inspection report or the extension approval letter. For example, "Pending correction date is (month/day/year)" or "Extension granted until (month/day/year)".

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