



National Information Assurance Partnership

Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

CCEVS Policy Letter #4

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SUBJECT: Inactive Evaluations

PURPOSE: Provide CCEVS policy regarding inactive evaluations.

BACKGROUND: Our U.S. Government customers have an expectation for a product on the "In Evaluation" list to successfully complete evaluation and become a validated product within a reasonable timeframe. The CCEVS recognizes inactivity of CCEVS evaluations occurs due to a variety of circumstances but many evaluations are inactive for excessive amounts of time with no clear indication of working towards completion.

An evaluation is considered to be inactive if any of the following conditions exist:

- a. The CCTL notifies CCEVS of repeated unsuccessful attempts to contact the vendor to obtain evidence required to continue the evaluation, or
- b. Applicable evaluation activity milestones (Test VOR or Final VOR) are not scheduled within a reasonable timeframe.

This policy is created to ensure CCEVS validation resources are being effectively utilized, to achieve our goal of providing government customers with validated products in a timely matter and to ensure accurate reflection of a project status on the CCEVS website.

POLICY: Effective immediately, the CCEVS will follow the outlined process for closing evaluations that continue to remain inactive.

1. CCEVS will consult with the CCTL to confirm the inactive status of the evaluation.
2. CCEVS will formally notify the CCTL, sponsor, and validator in writing of the intent to terminate the inactive evaluation.
3. If the terms specified in the CCEVS notification are not met, the evaluation project file will be closed, the product will be removed from the "In Evaluation" list on the CCEVS web site, and the assigned validators will be released from the project.
4. CCEVS will formally notify the CCTL, sponsor and validator of the official closure date.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: All evaluations must comply with this policy immediately.

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