

Actions Regarding Withdrawn Certifications



PCI & PLANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon obtaining PCI Plant Certification,

- PCI-certified plants are provided a framed certificate for display and copies of reproduction proofs of the PCI Plant Certification logo for use in the plant's promotional materials.
 - The PCI Plant Certification logo is a graphic representation of the PCI brand.
 - A company that displays the PCI Plant Certification logo is associated with what the PCI brand represents: technical excellence, integrity, and longevity.
- The certificate and proofs shall remain the property of PCI.

ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST WITHDRAWN CERTIFICATIONS

In event of cancellation, withdrawal, or suspension of the certification contract by either party,

- the certificate and proofs shall be surrendered promptly by the plant to PCI, and
- the plant must discontinue all:
 - statements,
 - representations, and
 - implicationsthat the plant is PCI-certified, including all advertising materials that reference PCI certification status.

When a plant's PCI certification has been cancelled, suspended, or withdrawn, PCI will

- remove the plant from the program, and
- the plant will no longer be listed in any of PCI's listings.

COMMON CAUSES FOR WITHDRAWN CERTIFICATIONS

PCI-certified plants can be suspended or withdrawn from the program if there is overall nonconformance with the PCI Plant Certification Program (Policy 20).

Listed below are the common causes for cancellation, suspension, or withdrawal of PCI Plant Certification:

- All newly certified plants must pass their first three plant quality audits; if they fail these audits, they are withdrawn from the program and are immediately eligible to reapply for certification.
- PCI-certified plants must pass two out of every three plant quality audits; if they fail any two of three plant quality audits, they are withdrawn from the program and are immediately eligible to reapply for certification.
- PCI-certified plants can be withdrawn from the program if there has been no production in their facilities for over 18 months since their last audit.
- A PCI-certified plant whose account is 150 days past due for payments will be withdrawn from the program and can reapply for certification after a waiting period of two years. All past-due fees must be paid before their application can be reviewed for reentry.