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***NAFA Filtration Certification now available to local JATCs.***

The National Energy Management Institute (NEMI) has had a Filtration Task Force working with the National Air Filtration Association (NAFA) to certify sheet metal workers in filtration. NAFA is made up of companies and individuals that are engaged in sales, installation, manufacturing and maintaining filtration systems.

NAFA is recognized as the leading organization in the filtration industry. Their certification will not only prepare SMWIA membership to be better educated in filtration but also more qualified when a special need arises. A good example is in the installation of HEPA filters in cleanroom ceilings. Many times, manufacturers require certified installers for their products. NAFA's certification more than meets these requirements. SMWIA members that have received the certification will be better qualified than any other craft that may be claiming the work.

NEMI has worked out an agreement with NAFA that allows all the SMWIA JATCs to give the tests for certification at their state-of-the-art facilities. A NAFA approved instructor will need to be the proctor for the test. Steps are being taken by the International Training Institute (ITI) to make classes available to interested instructors desiring NAFA approval. Any JATC interested in holding a class and/or test for certification should contact James Page on the ITI Staff at 703.739.7100 or [jpage@sheetmetal-iti.org](mailto:jpage@sheetmetal-iti.org).

*The National Energy Management Institute (NEMI) is a not for profit organization sponsored by the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association (SMWIA) and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA). NEMI's mission is to identify emerging markets and employment opportunities and to develop programs to capitalize on them.*

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## **Local JATC instructions for NAFA Filtration Certification**

1. Member applies for certification through his/her local JATC.
2. When there are at least \_\_\_\_\_(determined by local) from one local or area a test will be scheduled and applications will be sent in, with money for the certification (\$80 each), to NAFA. Money is paid by local JATC.
3. NAFA will be notified by the local JATC who will be instructing for the test and who will administer it.
4. NAFA will send out the Installation, Operation, and Maintenance manual to the JATC.
5. The JATC will send the manuals to the members applying.
6. NAFA will send the tests to the JATC.
7. JATC will schedule the test after no less than 30 days after member received the manual.
8. Test will be given after the training session with the NAFA approved trainer.
9. Tests will be sent into NAFA for scoring. A passing grade of 70% or better is needed.
10. Members that pass the exam will be sent a certificate from NAFA.
11. Recertification is \$25.00 per year