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The following change to section 4.b.(5) is being made to provide Field Offices the flexibility necessary to develop fair and efficient arrangements for scheduling joint oversight inspections with the States while still maintaining the integrity of the random sample.

4.b. * * *

(5) To maximize the benefit of joint inspections in carrying out our shared commitment with the States, Field Offices shall, in coordination with their respective States, develop an effective program for scheduling joint oversight inspections. In developing these programs, Field Offices must:

- (a) Minimize disruption of a State's routine inspection scheduling system;
- (b) Give consideration to the location of State permit records and to other travel or logistical concerns unique to a particular State program;
- (c) Provide as much advance notice of the proposed dates and general locations of the oversight inspections as practical; and
- (d) In keeping with 30 CFR 842.11(d)(2), limit prior notice of specific random sample inspections to the shortest time practicable.

CHANGE NOTICE