

Case Study #1 – Lessons Learned Demartek Test Lab

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SNIA Emerald Power Efficiency Measurement Specification, for use in EPA ENERGY STAR®

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Background





- We have been deploying enterprise storage systems from many different vendors in our test lab for several years.
 - We run ease-of-use, performance and other validation tests for a variety of storage vendors.
 - We also perform server and network testing.
- Became ISO 17025 Accredited Test Lab in late 2013.
 - Required for EPA ENERGY STAR testing
- Data Center Storage in late 2013.
- Attended last year's SNIA Emerald training class



Organizational



- We worked in close partnership with NetApp over the course of a few months to complete EPA ENERGY STAR Data Center Storage testing.
 - We worked with two divisions of NetApp for two different product families.
 - Relationship included some early practice runs, the full test runs and working together to complete all the required forms for EPA ENERGY STAR submissions.
- We developed a relationship with UL, the Certification Body, to help produce and complete the required forms
- We were the test lab for 146 of the 173 storage items currently listed on the EPA ENERGY STAR website.



Demartek Processes



- Updated our process for inventorying incoming test systems including photos of every piece of equipment
- Created an Emerald/EPA start checklist before beginning a test
- Added "script reminders" that appear on screen to remind the tester of manual processes
- Created an Excel macro to automate the collection and merge of the VDBENCH, power meter, temperature and humidity data.
 - Secondary macros produce SNIA Emerald TDR, spreadsheets that go to our CB and EPA.



Standard Rack Configuration

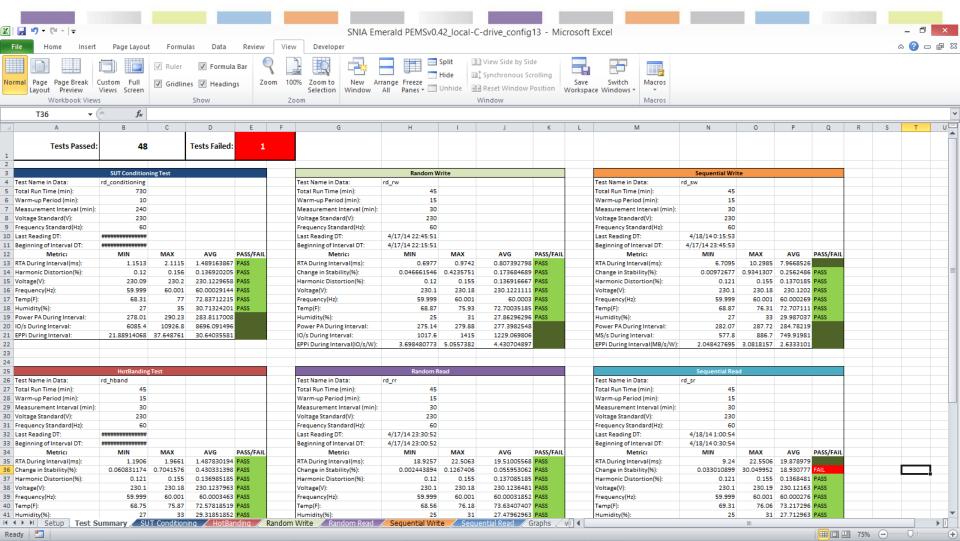


- Our standard rack configuration for SNIA Emerald/EPA testing uses 230v, 60Hz as input power
- We added A/C Sources for racks devoted to EPA testing
- Rack components from top to bottom:
 - Ethernet switch to connect to rest of our network
 - A/C Source
 - Power Meter
 - Storage SUT
 - Server driving the workload and collecting data at bottom of rack
 - Switch and server powered from separate circuit
- Same server for workload, power and temperature data



Excel data collection macro data





Excel macro charts



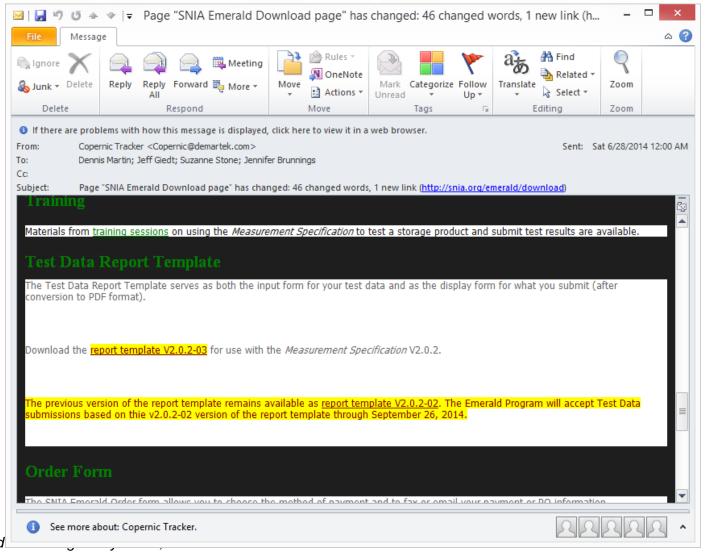




Keeping up with SNIA Emerald



Daily automated process that checks two Emerald web pages sends us email when something changes





EPA ENERGY STAR



PA ENERGY STAR Data Center Storage certified products:

https://data.energystar.gov/Government/ENERGY-STAR-Certified-Data-Center-Storage/gqtf-hp7x

