

**13 NCAC 07A .0802      TIME LIMITATIONS**

- (a) An employer has 15 working days from receipt of a citation to notify the Director in writing that the employer wishes to either contest under the provisions of G.S. 95-137(b)(1) or request an informal conference.
- (b) The Director shall attempt to schedule the informal conference within the 15 working day contestment period. However, if the receipt of the request for an informal conference does not allow for the scheduling of the informal conference within the 15 working day contestment period, an additional 5 working days may be allowed in which to hold the informal conference.
- (c) No more than 20 working days from the date of the employer's receipt of the citation shall be allowed in which to conduct an informal conference and notify the employer of the results.
- (d) If an employee contests a specific abatement date with the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board pursuant to G.S. 95-130(11), no pre-contestment informal conference may be held regarding that specific abatement date.

*History Note:*      *Authority G.S. 95-133; 95-137;*  
                          *Eff. June 1, 1995;*  
                          *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 1, 2016.*