

## Intel & Insight Report for RACEA

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Annotation of Intel & Insight: The last DOE negotiations with SACS-COC reached a compromise on the issue of shortening the 10-year reaffirmation cycle by requiring a review of 14 standards in the *Principles* every five years. This was subsequently added to the Fifth-Year Report requirements in 2009 and labeled a "mini" or "abbreviated" compliance assurance report. Many institutions whose Fifth-Year Reports were found to be deficient and noncompliant in 2009 appear to have mistakenly interpreted what the level of expectations were for demonstrating compliance on these 14 standards. The same level of detailed justification and documentation that is expected in Compliance Assurance during reaffirmation should be present in the Fifth-Year Report on these 14 requirements for COC accreditation. Caution--a mini or abbreviated justification of compliance in the Fifth-Year Report can result in a citation.

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