

1 **Q. What role, if any, does climate, environment and geographic isolation play in the**
2 **determination of an appropriate level of reliability?**
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4 A. Climate, environment and geographic isolation play significant roles in determining an
5 acceptable or reasonable level of reliability. Reliability statistics should be interpreted
6 with due regard for such factors in assessing the reasonableness of reliability levels.
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8 Please see the response to information request CA-85 (b).