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INTERPRETATION
Integrity Management Systems for Owner-User Pressure Equipment Integrity Management

This information bulletin replaces IB25-016, which has been withdrawn.

As provided for under Section 37(b) of the Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation AR 49/2006 (PESR), owners of pressure equipment must have an integrity management system to ensure the design, construction, installation, operation, maintenance and decommissioning is conducted in accordance with the PESR. Additionally, under Section 11(3) of the PESR, the Administrator may require an owner of pressure equipment to hold a certificate of authorization permit for the aforementioned integrity management system. Sections 12 and 13 of the PESR establish general requirements for applicants and duties of certificate holders.

This Information Bulletin establishes that the “Harmonized Requirements for Pressure Equipment Integrity Management Systems” (AB-512H) outlines the information required by the Administrator from an owner applying for a certificate of authorization permit under Section 11(3) of the Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation (PESR), AR 49/2006. It also specifies the required elements of a Pressure Equipment Integrity Management System (PEIMS) that may be acceptable to the Administrator.

AB-512H is a distinct document from AB-512. While both documents address integrity management systems, they are separate in scope and application. **Owners operating in Alberta have the option to use either AB-512 or AB-512H as the basis for their PEIMS. Owners who currently hold a certificate of authorization permit based on AB-512 are not required to make changes to their existing systems.** However, if an owner chooses to adopt AB-512H, particularly to incorporate jurisdictional supplements, revisions to their quality management system may be necessary.

AB-512H, Edition 1, Revision 1, issued 2026-07-13, was developed collaboratively by the Alberta Boilers Safety Association (ABSA), the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan (TSASK), and the Manitoba Department of Inspection and Technical Services (ITS). It promotes consistent safety standards across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Part 1 of AB-512H contains common requirements approved by all participating jurisdictions, while Part 2 includes jurisdiction-specific supplements.

For further guidance or to discuss transitioning between AB-512 and AB-512H, please contact ABSA.

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