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UNFINISHED PROJECTS A Heads-up on Documentation Requirements

In the current economic climate, we understand that some projects are being put on hold. As a result, construction of some pressure equipment for these projects is being halted before completion. Other equipment is completed but the equipment is put into storage.

Irrespective of what stage of construction these boilers, pressure vessels or pressure piping systems are in, it is critical that the work-in-progress be fully documented to its current condition and that all records be properly certified and traceable. As well, the equipment, completed or not, must be “laid-up” properly to ensure that there will be no environmental or storage damage. Otherwise, without proper documentation that includes traceable and certified records, and if the “as-new” condition can not be established at a later date, equipment so affected will essentially be junk and the projects can not be picked up where they left off!

Just recently, there was a case involving a pressure vessel without the proper documentation and proof of Authorized Inspector sign-offs from when construction was completed a few years ago. This led to considerable expense and time delays resulting in the vessel’s being scrapped since traceable records were not available and additional testing to prove full Code compliance would have been too costly both in time and in money.

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