

**VARIANCE**

**No. VA10-008  
(IB10-001)**

<i>Subject</i>	Acceptance of ASME Code Case 2638 for Alternative Piping Calibration Blocks for use in Alberta
<i>Date of Issue</i>	May 13, 2010
<i>This Variance applies to</i>	Province-wide Variance to Section 6(d) of Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation (AR49/2006)
<i>Reason for variance</i>	<p>ASME Code Case 2638 has been issued by the ASME providing the use of alternative piping calibration blocks in advance of revision to Paragraph T-434.3 of Section V of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.</p> <p>This Variance is issued to allow for the use of this Code Case in the Province of Alberta as provided for under Section 38 of the Safety Codes Act.</p>
<i>Details of variance</i>	<p>ASME Code Case 2638 provides for a valid and equivalent calibration process to the provisions under Paragraph T-434.3 of Section V of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code which is adopted as part of the Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation (AR49/2006).</p> <p>It should be noted that use of the Code Case may be subject to contractual agreements between different parties and it will be up to the user of this Code Case to ensure that such agreements are reached before its used.</p> <p>This Variance expires upon the publication of revision to Paragraph T-434.3 of ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Section V Code.</p>
<i>Variance is specific and non-precedent setting</i>	This Variance is specific and sets no precedent.
<i>Authority under which the Variance is being issued</i>	Section 38(1) of the Safety Codes Act, Chapter S-1
<i>Advisement of Offence</i>	Non-compliance with the requirements of this Variance is an offence under the Safety Codes Act.

*Approval of Administrator*

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*Submission of a copy of  
Variance to the Safety  
Codes Council*

A copy of this Variance will be submitted to:  
Safety Codes Council  
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*Explanation of variance*

A Variance is written permission issued to build, install, process or otherwise act in a manner not consistent with the specific requirements of an applicable code, standard or regulation but which provides, in the opinion of the issuing Administrator, an equivalent level of safety to persons and property.