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Owner's Inspector
for Piping Construction

INTERPRETATION
ASME B31.3-2010, Interpretation 2-30
Paragraph 340.4(a)

Interpretation

In reference to Paragraph 340.4(a) of ASME B31.3-2010 with respect to the owner's inspector, Interpretation 2-30 issued by ASME B31.3 Process Piping Committee states that:

Question (1): An EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) contractor has been awarded a contract to engineer, procure, construct and install a pressure piping system. Does ASME B31.3 allow an EPC contractor to act as the owner's inspector until the piping system is complete and ready to be turned over to the owner?

Reply (1): No.

Question (2): An EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) contractor has been awarded a contract to engineer, procure, construct and install a pressure piping system. Does ASME B31.3 allow the owner to designate in writing an employee of the EPC contractor to act as the owner's inspector until the piping system is complete and ready to be turned over to the owner?

Reply (2): No.

Application

Since the qualification requirements of the owner's inspector are identical in ASME B31.3-2010 [paragraph 340.4(a)] and ASME B31.1-2010 [paragraph 136.1.4(A)], we consider the above ASME Interpretation would apply to both process piping and power piping construction in Alberta.

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