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DIRECTIVE
In-Service Pressure Equipment Inspector Certification Requirements

This directive comes into force on October 1, 2013 and supersedes directive IB02-002 Rev. 1 which expires at that date.

As provided for under Section 43 of the Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation, “A person shall not perform an integrity assessment of pressure equipment unless the person (a) holds qualifications that are acceptable to the Administrator, and (b) satisfies the conditions prescribed in the certificate of competency if such a certificate has been issued to the person”.

This directive applies to all persons who inspect and certify in-service pressure equipment that are subject to the Safety Codes Act. The authority and responsibility of the holder of an In-Service Inspector’s Certificate of Competency, the activities for which certification is mandatory and the certification requirements are established in ABSA document AB-526 *In- Service Pressure Equipment Inspector Certification Requirements*.

A person who conducts integrity assessments of in-service pressure equipment, certifies pressure equipment or supervises inspection personnel, must, unless otherwise provided for in AB-526, hold the appropriate Alberta In-service Inspector Certificate of Competency, and be employed by an owner-user or inspection company who has the required “*Alberta Certificate of Authorization Permit*” issued under the Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation.

The scope of integrity assessment that the Inspector (ISI) is authorized to perform is limited to the type of pressure equipment identified on the Inspector’s In-Service Pressure Equipment Certificate of Competency, and the inspection activities that are designated by their employer under their employer’s Certificate of Authorization Permit.

Background

A certification system for in-service pressure equipment inspectors was introduced in October 2001 to promote the application of consistent and appropriate inspection standards for assessing the integrity of in-service pressure equipment.

ABSA is the pressure equipment safety authority delegated by the Alberta government to act as the Alberta jurisdictional authority for administering the delivery of all pressure equipment safety programs under the Safety Codes Act.

Persons who certify in-service pressure equipment and who are not employed by the jurisdictional authority must hold an In-Service Inspector's Certificate of Competency.

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