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**Quality Management Systems
for Pressure Relief Devices**

This Information Bulletin supersedes IB13-002 issued March 11, 2013.

A certificate of authorization permit is required for a person to manufacture, service, repair, set or seal a pressure relief valve under Section 11 of the Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation AR 49/2006 (PESR). Applications for such a permit are subject to Section 12 of the PESR. Permit holders' duties are set out in Section 13 of the Regulation.

This Information Bulletin is to establish that ABSA document AB-524 "Pressure Relief Devices Requirements" specifies information required by the Administrator from an applicant; and specifies features of a pressure relief devices quality management system that may be acceptable to the Administrator, as provided for under Sections 12 and 13 of the PESR to manufacture, assemble, repair or alter, service, set or seal pressure relief devices.

AB-524 includes implementation guidance to assist owners and service organizations to meet the requirements and implement an effective quality management system. The document also provides guidance to persons engaged in activities such as the selection, sizing, or installation of pressure relief devices in Alberta for which no certificate of authorization permit is required.

The requirements of AB-524 became mandatory on January 1, 2014. Notwithstanding this mandatory implementation date, effective immediately and until March 31, 2015, owners that have established a steam setting compliance plan in accordance with ABSA document AB-524a may continue the practice of setting "UV"-stamped pressure relief valves using steam to air correction factors supplied to the owner by the valve manufacturer. This implementation deferral of steam testing, specific to UV-stamped valves, has been established to allow more time for owners and valve servicing organizations to develop sufficient steam testing capacity.

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