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Quality Management Systems for Integrity Assessment Organizations

As provided for under Section 11(2) of the Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation (PESR) AR 49/2006, the Administrator may require a person who performs integrity assessments of pressure equipment to hold a certificate of authorization permit. Sections 12 and 13 of the PESR establish general requirements for applicants and duties of certificate holders.

This Information Bulletin establishes that ABSA document AB-515 "*Quality Management System Requirements for Integrity Assessment Organizations*" Edition 2, Revision 1, Issued 2017-03-17, specifies information required by the Administrator from an organization that applies for a certificate of authorization permit as required under Section 11(2); and specifies features of an integrity assessment organization quality management system that may be acceptable to the Administrator, as provided for under Sections 12 and 13 of the PESR.

Earlier versions of the AB-515 known as "*Requirements for Inspections Companies*" are hereby cancelled. AB-515, Edition 2 includes editorial corrections and general revisions of the previous edition of the document and also includes expanded implementation guidance to assist organizations to meet the requirements and implement an effective quality management system.

Organizations applying for a Certificate of Authorization Permit for the first time must meet the requirements of the current AB-515 document prior to the certification.

Organizations which currently hold a Certificate of Authorization permit to conduct activities pursuant to Section 11(2) of the PESR are expected to review AB-515, Edition 2 and adjust their quality management system accordingly. Changes to the written description of the quality system must be done in accordance with the controls described therein. Verification of compliance to AB-515, Edition 2 will be done at the next certification audit.

AB-515 Edition 2, Revision 1 contains two editorial revisions to correct errors.

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