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**MIXED STEEL; 4" A234 WPB BUTTWELD FITTINGS**

We have received information that one to five lengths of pipe out of a shipment of over 1600 lengths supplied by U.S. Steel to Tube Forgings of America Inc. (TFA) was of a different heat/grade material from ASTM A234 WPB-96 specifications used by TFA to manufacture fittings. The affected TFA fittings are listed below:

4" STD LR 90° & 45° A234WPB Elbows	Heat Codes: G347 & G348
4" x 3" STD LR 90° A234WPB Elbows	Heat Codes: G347 & G348
4" x 2.5" STD LR 90° A234WPB Elbows	Heat Codes: G347 & G348
4" x 2" STD LR 90° A234WPB Elbows	Heat Codes: G347 & G348

We advise that if you are in possession of any of these fittings that you contact immediately:

- a) the supplier that you received the fittings from. Or
- b) Mr. Dave Snively; USS; phone number 1-800-227-7113 extension 2776 or 1-440-227-2776

For any such fittings already installed in a pressure plant, you must also notify the ABSA inspector in your area.