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**INTERPRETATION**  
**Pressure Piping Alternative Test Methods**

As provided for under Section 30(2) of the *Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation*, this Information Bulletin establishes that ABSA document AB-519, *Pressure Piping Alternative Test Methods*, Edition 2, Revision 0, issued 2019-07-02, specifies requirements that must be included in an owner-user integrity management system procedure to allow the use of alternative test methods for an ASME B31.3 closure weld without individual acceptance from ABSA for each closure weld.

AB-519 affects owner-users that choose to develop and implement a procedure that following successful audit by an ABSA safety codes officer provides pre-authorization of alternatives to hydrostatic testing of closure welds in pressure piping systems.

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