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Integrity Assessment and Pressure Relief Valve Servicing Requirements for In-Service Pressure Equipment

As provided for under Sections 39, 41, 42 and 43 of the *Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation*, this Information Bulletin establishes that ABSA document AB-506, *Inspection and Servicing Requirements for In-Service Pressure Equipment*, Edition 3 – Issued 2020-12-07, specifies requirements that must be met for pressure relief device servicing and pressure equipment integrity assessment.

AB-506 clarifies the following provisions of the *Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation*:

39(3) *A pressure relief device must be serviced at an interval acceptable to the Administrator.*

41 *An integrity assessment program with respect to pressure equipment must include, but is not restricted to,...*

(b) assessing the pressure equipment in accordance with the integrity assessment requirements established by the Administrator, ...

(f) any other matter required by the Administrator.

42(1) *The owner of pressure equipment must, unless exempted by the Administrator, establish and maintain an integrity assessment program acceptable to the Administrator,*

43 *A person shall not perform integrity assessments of pressure equipment unless that person*

(a) holds qualifications that are acceptable to the Administrator,

AB-506 Edition 3 includes general revisions throughout. The revisions were made based on stakeholder input which was reviewed and validated by a task group. Pressure equipment owners are responsible to ensure their relief valve servicing and integrity assessment program comply with the *Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation*. Accordingly, AB-506 should be reviewed to identify changes that may affect the owner's integrity assessment program. A reference version of AB-506 showing the change markups has been posted [\(here\)](#) to assist users with identifying changes.

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