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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 3, issued 2021-10-29, specifies requirements that must be included in an owner-user integrity management system procedure to allow the use of alternative test methods for ASME B31.1 and ASME B31.3 closure welds without individual acceptance from ABSA for each closure weld. This Information Bulletin supersedes IB20-017 which has been withdrawn.

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.

This is an editorial revision to IB21-010. ASME B31.1 was added.

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