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INTERPRETATION
Pressure Piping Alternative Test Methods

This Information Bulletin replaces IB21-010 R1 which has been withdrawn.

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 3, Revision 0, issued 2024-07-10, 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.

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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