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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CLIENTS AND AUDITORS

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RE: New API Q1 and API Q2 Auditor Certification Program

API's Individual Certification Programs (ICP) team is pleased to announce the launch of the API Q1 and API Q2 Auditor Certification Program. Developed in cooperation with industry experts, this oil and natural gas industry-focused program is open to individuals involved in management system auditing, including internal auditors, educators, trainers, QMS personnel or anyone with an interest in auditing. Professionals with oil and natural gas industry experience, ISO 9001, ISO 14001, API Spec Q1, API Spec Q2, and other similar quality management programs should add the API Auditor Certification Program to their "should do" list.

The program offers 6 certification products at 3 proficiency levels. These levels include:

1. **Internal Auditor Certification** – designed for internal auditors who conduct audits within or on behalf of the organization that employs them. These may include full system, "partial", and supplier audits done to ensure compliance with an organization's quality management system.
2. **Auditor Certification** – designed for individuals who will conduct full system audits (1st-, 2nd-, or 3rd-party) either alone or as part of an audit team. Prequalification requirements include, among other achievements, completion of a specified number of audit days, individually or as part of an audit team.
3. **Lead Auditor Certification** – designed for individuals who manage and lead audit teams of two or more auditors who, through their collective efforts, perform full system audits. Prequalification requirements include, among other achievements, completion of a specified number of audits as an Audit Team Leader.

These certifications can be obtained in either API Spec Q1 or API Spec Q2, or both.

These new API certification offerings will allow company employees and self-employed individuals to apply for, train, test, and become certified as a quality management system auditor specializing in the oil and gas sector. Certified individuals will carry credentials recognized and accepted worldwide throughout the oil and natural gas industry.

Given API's 90+ year history, its signature brands, and long experience with both quality management systems and individual certification, an API certification conveys competence. Join the over twenty thousand oil and gas industry professionals, in a variety of fields, who already proudly carry API certification.

Apply today or find out more information about the new Auditor Certification Program and other Individual Certification Programs at <http://www.api.org/Certification-Programs/ICP>. Please email any questions you may have to inspector@api.org or sales@api.org.

Very Respectfully,

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