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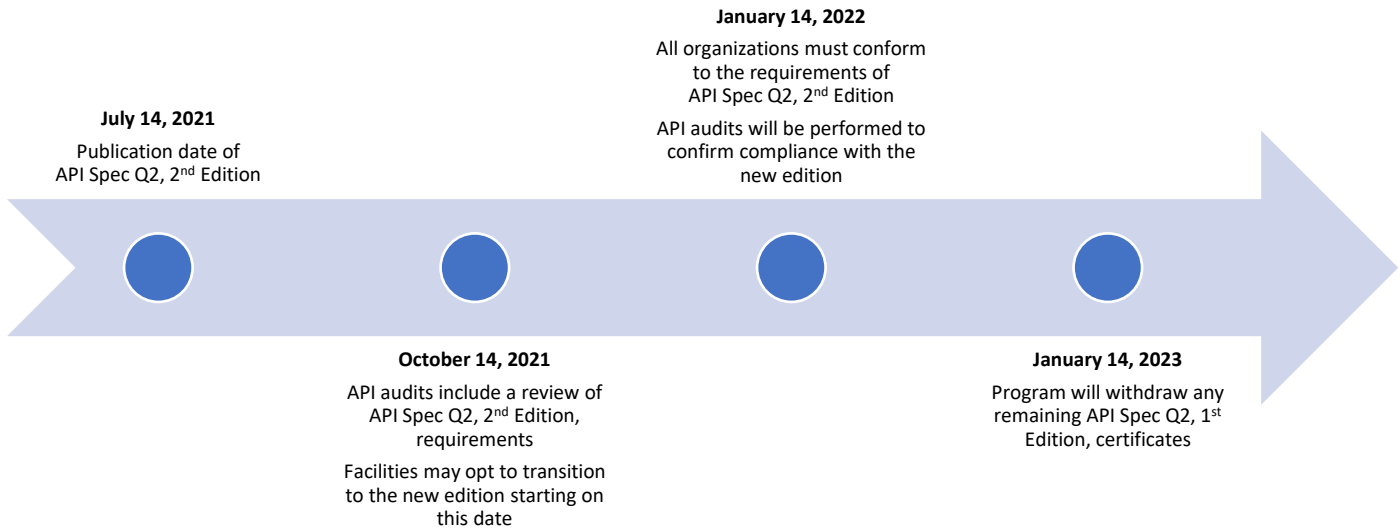
To: API Monogram/APIQR Program Licensees and Registrants  
Interested Parties

The API Monogram/APIQR Program is pleased to announce that the Institute issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of API Spec Q2 on July 14, 2021. API Spec Q2 is the first international quality management system (QMS) standard for exploration and production service providers servicing the oil and gas industry. The industry-written specification applies to critical activities such as well construction, intervention, production, abandonment, well servicing, equipment repair and maintenance, and inspection activities.

Organizations that meet the requirements of API Spec Q2 are eligible to participate in API's world-renowned APIQR Program. To be recognized by APIQR, organizations must demonstrate to API that they operate according to a quality management system that controls their operational processes, provides consistent results, manages change effectively, allows for continuous improvement, reduces operational downtime, and increases customer satisfaction.

With this new edition in place, the Monogram/APIQR Program must now work with the organizations currently registered against the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of API Spec Q2 to transition to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. The transition process is expected to take place over the next 18 months according to the schedule explained and graphic depicted below:

- Starting October 14, 2021, API will be ready to audit to the requirements of API Spec Q2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Organizations that have implemented all applicable requirements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition will have the option of being audited against and transitioning their registration to the new edition. Organizations that want to transition to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition must notify their auditor of their decision to transition prior to their audit.
- Starting October 14, 2021, new applicants will be audited against API Spec Q2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, and will have to respond to any nonconformances raised before API issues their certificate.
- All organizations shall implement the requirements of API Spec Q2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, by January 14, 2022, and API audits (Surveillance and Recertification) from that date forward will be conducted in accordance with API Spec Q2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.
- Transitioning prior to January 14, 2022, is at the registered organization's option:
  - If an organization chooses to *not* transition prior to January 14, 2022, any findings against API Spec Q2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, will be classified as concerns and no actions will be required. No certificate will be issued for API Spec Q2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.
  - If an organization chooses to transition prior to January 14, 2022, findings against API Spec Q2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, will be classified as nonconformances and must be addressed with a root cause analysis and corrective action.
- Facilities seeking a certificate for API Spec Q2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, are required to undergo a full system audit in accordance with API Spec Q2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition; respond to any nonconformances with appropriate corrections, root cause analyses, and corrective actions; and await the certification decision by API. Facilities should be aware that this process can take several months. Facilities are thus encouraged to transition and undergo an audit to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition as soon as possible.
- Facilities may maintain their API Spec Q2, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, certificates until January 14, 2023, during the transition process if they continue to meet all specification and program requirements (including those specified by this notification). On January 14, 2023, any remaining API Spec Q2, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, certificates will be withdrawn.



I appreciate your taking the time to review this notice. Please forward your comments and questions to [www.api.org/ContactMonogram](http://www.api.org/ContactMonogram).

Best regards,

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