

ATTN: ALL API MONOGRAM SPEC 7K LICENSEES AND API AUDITORS

SUBJECT: API MONOGRAM SPEC 7K LICENSEES PROGRAM CLARIFICATION

Dear Colleagues,

Recently, I sent to each of you a clarification on the application of the API Monogram per 7K requirements as interpreted by Roland Goodman, Manager, Upstream Standards. The purpose of this notice is to further clarify the application of the API Spec Q1 requirements as seen by the Certifications Department and as it applies to 7K hose assemblies.

API Spec 7K, Section 9.10, requires hose assemblies bearing the API monogram to be fully assembled and tested; at no point in the production process can “bulk hose” be sold separately as an API Spec 7K monogrammed product. It is our understanding that several licensed manufacturers of monogrammed 7K hose assemblies are currently assembling and testing the assemblies at subcontracted facilities prior to final sale and distribution. Bulk hose may be shipped to subcontractors, who, under proper control and oversight of the licensed facility as stated in API Spec Q1, Section 4.1, may perform outsourced processes to include assembling components such as reinforcing cables, wires, metal armor, couplings, and end connectors. This practice often takes place at a controlled subcontractor site separate from the licensed facility where the monogram was earlier applied to the hose, due to the manufacturing processes employed and the marking requirements of API Spec 7K. If this is a controlled and documented outsourced process that is included as part of the licensee's Quality Management System, this practice is allowable under the requirements of API Spec Q1, Section 4.1. API Spec Q1, Annex A allows the Monogram to be applied “at any time appropriate during the production process”, and that “only an API licensee may apply the API Monogram”. It must be further understood that this process, like any other within the Quality Management System, is subject to review and audit. It must be stressed that proper control of any and all subcontracted processes is an integral part of any Quality Management System.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the API Training and Certification staff at the Washington, DC offices.

Best regards,



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