

TO: API Specification 6H Monogram Licensees
API Specification 6H Monogram Applicants
API Auditors

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RE: API Spec 6H

As of August 3rd 2012, API Subcommittee 6, Valves & Wellhead Equipment, unanimously approved the withdrawal of API Spec 6H. The document will no longer be maintained and considered as active within the API Standards document list. It will remain available only as a historical document.

Effective February 4rd, 2013, all API Spec 6H licenses/applications will be withdrawn. All manufacturers of monogrammed API Spec 6H equipment shall cease applying the API Monogram on any API Spec 6H products manufactured. All previously issued API Spec 6H Monogram Certificates should be destroyed. Please note that this does not preclude the manufacturing of products meeting the requirements within API Spec 6H; however, the API Monogram cannot be applied to any API Spec 6H products.

Current API Spec 6H Licensees have the following options:

1. Transition to a registration under API Q1, 8th Edition, ISO 9001:2008, and/or ISO/TS 2900:2010. You may apply for a QMS Registration that includes a scope to design and manufacture existing API Spec 6H products as applicable. Please follow the instructions found on API's website for completing the application package for APIQR Registration: (<http://www.api.org/certification-programs/api-monogram-program-and-apiqr/applications-forms.aspx>). There will be no application fees, but audit fees apply.

2. Take no further action, resulting in withdrawal of the API Spec 6H license on February 4, 2013.

API will cease accepting API Spec 6H applications effective August 3, 2012. All current API Spec 6H applicants will be contacted with further details concerning fees paid for an API Spec 6H application.

Please note: If you are currently in the application phase for API Spec 6H and have not been audited, your application will be withdrawn.

Should you have technical questions regarding the retiring of API Spec 6H, please send all inquiries to standards@api.org

For Monogram related questions regarding the retiring of API Spec 6H, please send all inquires to certification@api.org