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To: APIQR Participants
APIQR Applicants

From: API Monogram/APIQR Program

Re: API Specification Q2 3rd Edition Publication

The API Monogram/APIQR Program is pleased to announce that API has published the 3rd edition of API Specification Q2, *Quality Management System Requirements for Service Supply Organizations for the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industries*. API Spec Q2 establishes minimum quality management system requirements for upstream service sector supply organizations to consistently and reliably provide and manage services that meet customer, legal, and other applicable requirements. API published API Spec Q2, 3rd edition on **September 10, 2026** with an effective date of **October 1, 2027**.

The API Monogram/APIQR Program has developed the following process to transition registered organizations to the new edition of the Specification:

- Starting **February 1, 2027**, organizations may voluntarily request that they be audited to the API Q2, 3rd edition criteria. Any identified nonconformity will need to be addressed with a correction, root cause analysis, and corrective action. All of the organization's audits from that point forward will be performed to the 3rd edition. Organizations that do not request to change their audit criteria to API Q2, 3rd edition will continue to be audited to API Q2, 2nd edition until **September 30, 2027**. Auditors will be instructed to raise a concern on each organization's audit report that the organization has not transitioned to the 3rd edition.
- Starting **April 5, 2027**, new applicants will be required to have implemented and will be audited to API Q2, 3rd edition. Any identified nonconformity will need to be addressed with a correction, root cause analysis, and corrective action.
- By **October 1, 2027**, all Q2-registered organizations are required to have fully implemented the requirements of and will be audited to the 3rd edition of API Q2. Organizations that fail to implement the requirements of API Q2, 3rd edition by this date may be subject to suspension or cancellation.
- On **October 1, 2029**, any remaining API Q2, 2nd edition certificates will be withdrawn.

To successfully transition, facilities are required to undergo a full-system audit in accordance with API Q2, 3rd edition; respond to any nonconformances with appropriate corrections, root cause analyses, and corrective actions; and await the certification decision by API. Organizations should be aware that this process can take several months and thus are encouraged to transition and undergo an audit to the 3rd edition as soon as possible.

Changes to scope of certification:

The 3rd edition introduces a significant change that will impact the types of scopes that will be eligible for API certification with its inclusion of section *1.2 Applicability*, which clarifies that the "*specification was developed to apply to organizations that provide well site services and services associated with well site activities in oil and gas well construction, intervention, production, and abandonment*" and further states *"[the] specification was not developed to apply to organizations that only provide: calibration, engineering, design, training/technical consulting, NDE inspection, transportation, project management, provision of software, or manufacturing and/or product realization services.*"

Additionally, the 3rd edition has removed the allowance for excluding requirements; therefore, all clauses of the specification must now be implemented.

With the 3rd edition of API Q2, API will no longer accept scope statements that identify provision of the following types of standalone services:

- *Calibration*
- *Engineering*
- *Design*
- *Training or technical consulting*
- *NDE inspection*
- *Transportation*
- *Project management*
- *Provision of software*
- *Manufacturing and/or product realization (including, for example, fabrication, welding, testing of products, inspection of products)*
- *Provision of SRP or rental of products without accompanying service*

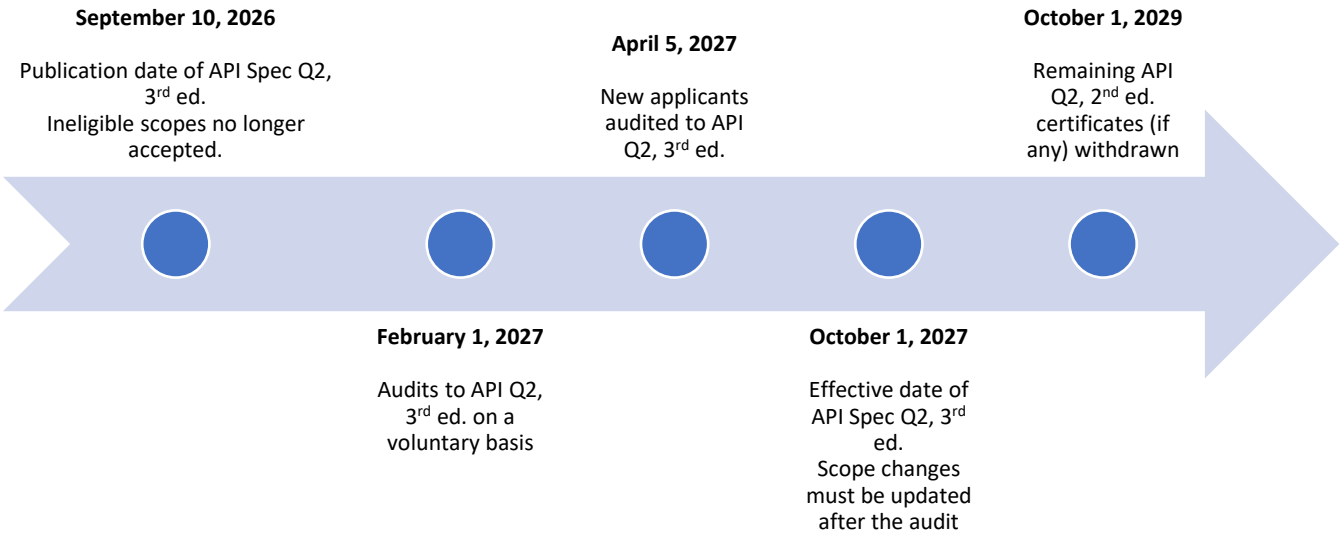
This change impacts the scopes identified on the API certificate, not an organization's internally defined QMS scope. The activities listed above cannot be identified as standalone services provided to the customer, but they can be included on the certificate if they are a component of an applicable service. Please note that this change neither forbids organizations from performing these activities nor providing these services to their customers.

Examples of acceptable API Q2, 3rd edition registration scope statements are shown below:

- Acceptable: *Provision of cementing services for the Oil and Gas Industry*
- Acceptable: *Provision of cementing services for the Oil and Gas Industry, including engineering, project management, and provision of SRP*
- Not acceptable: *Provision of cementing services for the Oil and Gas Industry; Engineering and project management services for cementing operations; Provision of SRP*

API is using the following transition process to address these changes:

- Effective immediately, API will no longer accept new applications or scope change requests that include scope statements that would be ineligible under the 3rd edition or that include exclusions.
- For each currently registered organization where part of its scope is no longer eligible, API will begin the process of updating the scope as part of the organization's next annual audit. The scope change will become mandatory following the 3rd edition transition audit.
- For each currently registered organization where the entire scope will no longer be eligible, the API Q2 registration will be withdrawn sometime after October 1, 2027, following the 3rd edition transition audit. Affected organizations are encouraged to consider implementing a quality management system in accordance with API Q1 and submitting an API Q1 application for registration. For API Q1 applications submitted prior to **October 1, 2027**, API will waive the application fee upon request.



For any questions or concerns related to this update, please contact us at www.api.org/ContactMonogram.

Your continued support of and participation in the API Monogram/APIQR Program are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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