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Subject: IWA-2323; Mandatory Appendix VI, VI-4300; and Mandatory Appendix VII, VII-4340 (2001 Edition With the 2003 Addenda Through the 2010 Edition With the 2011 Addenda)

Date Issued: January 16, 2013

File: 12-1905

Question: When administering multiple-choice written examinations in accordance with IWA-2323, VI-4300, or VII-4340, is it the intent that the certified Level III may delegate a noncertified proctor to administer and monitor the testing process of the Level III candidate?

Reply: Yes, as long as the certified Level III has a valid certification in the applicable test method.

**Interpretations: XI-1-13-13**

Subject: Table IWD-2500-1, Category D-A (2004 Edition Through the 2010 Edition With the 2011 Addenda)

Date Issued: January 22, 2013

File: 11-1126

Question: Is it the intent of Table IWD-2500-1, Category D-A, Note (3) [Note (4) in the 2007 Edition with the 2009 Addenda through the 2010 Edition with the 2011 Addenda] to select only one welded attachment of only one of the multiple vessels for examination?

Reply: Yes.

**Interpretation: XI-1-13-14**

Subject: IWA-4132 and IWA-4540 (2004 Edition)

Date Issued: February 13, 2013

File: 12-827

Question (1): If new bolting is installed as part of rotating an item from stock in accordance with IWA-4132, are an R/R plan and NIS-2 data report required for the replacement bolting?

Reply (1): Yes.

Question (2): Is it a requirement of IWA-4540 for the replacement bolting included in Question (1) to be pressure tested?

Reply (2): No.

**Interpretation: XI-1-13-15**

Subject: IWA-4132 and IWA-4540(c) (1998 Edition)

Date Issued: February 13, 2013

File: 12-1585

Question (1): Is it a requirement of the 1998 Edition of IWA-4540(c) to perform a pressure test following installation of a pressure relief valve rotated from stock in accordance with IWA-4132 that does not include replacement of pressure-retaining bolting?

Reply (1): Yes, from the 1996 Addenda to the 1998 Edition, IWA-4132(e) and IWA-4540(c) required pressure testing of mechanical connections made during the rotation of pressure relief valves from stock whether or not bolting was replaced.

Question (2): Is it a requirement of the 1998 Edition of IWA-4540(c) to perform a pressure test following installation of a pressure relief valve rotated from stock in accordance with IWA-4132 that includes replacement of pressure-retaining bolting?

Reply (2): Yes, from the 1996 Addenda to the 1998 Edition, IWA-4132(e) and IWA-4540(c) required pressure testing of mechanical connections made during the rotation of pressure relief valves from stock whether or not bolting was replaced.

**Interpretation: XI-1-13-16**

Subject: Code Cases N-729 Through N-729-3

Date Issued: February 13, 2013

File: 12-2059

Question: Is it a requirement of -3132.1(b) that a rounded indication of any size be subject to the provisions of -3232.2 if there are no relevant conditions indicating nozzle leakage?

Reply: No.

**Interpretation: XI-1-13-17**

Subject: IWB-3522.1 (1998 Edition With the 2000 Addenda Through the 2007 Edition) and IWA-5300 (1998 Edition With the 2000 Addenda Through the 2013 Edition)

Date Issued: May 15, 2013

File: 12-2273

Question (1): Is it a requirement of IWB-3522.1 to consider as relevant any identified leakage from mechanical connections?

Reply (1): Yes.

Question (2): Is it a requirement of IWA-5300 to record all leakage?

Reply (2): Yes.

**Interpretation: XI-1-13-18**

Subject: Mandatory Appendix VII, VII-4310(a) (1998 Edition Through the 2013 Edition)

Date Issued: May 15, 2013

File: 13-888

Question (1): Do the requirements of VII-4310(a) requiring a question bank containing at least twice the minimum number of questions and examinations assembled using a random selection process apply only to the ultrasonic examination method?

Reply (1): Yes.

Question (2): Is it a requirement of VII-4310(a) that examinations be assembled from a question bank using a “random selection process” without consideration to the requirements of VII-4321 and VII-4322?

Reply (2): No. All applicable paragraphs of VII-4300 are required.

**Interpretation: XI-1-13-19**

Subject: Code Case N-606-1

Date Issued: June 21, 2013

File: 13-56

Question: Is it the intent that the application of peening to the initial or final weld layer for the purpose of surface stress mitigation be prohibited by Code Case N-606-1, 1(f)?

Reply: No. The prohibition against peening was intended to prevent the use of high-impact peening methods used to control distortion. It was not intended to prohibit peening methods used only for the purpose of surface stress mitigation, such as rotary peening.

**Interpretation: XI-1-13-20**

Subject: IWF-1300(e) (2004 Edition)

Date Issued: June 21, 2013

File: 13-114

Question (1): Is it the intent of IWF-1300(e) to allow insulation to remain in place during examination of those supports under continuous compression or tension load, regardless of orientation (i.e., horizontal, vertical, or anywhere in between) when examination is required in accordance with Table IWF-2500-1?

Reply (1): Yes.

Question (2): Is it the intent of IWF-1300(e) to remove insulation during examination of those supports that normally carry no load (such as snubbers) when examination is required in accordance with Table IWF-2500-1?

Reply (2): Yes.