Alternative Renewal Requirements for Authorized Inspection Agencies (AIAs) qualified as a company in business of providing Third Party Inspection Services with Section III and XI in the Scopes of their Certification.

**Inquiry:** What alternatives to the requirements in QAI-1-2018, Part 1, 1-1.1.1.(c)(1); Part 2, para. 2-1.1.1(c)(1); or Part 3, para. 3-1.1.1(c)(1) for renewal may be used by a third party by an AIA qualified as a company in the business of providing “third party” inspection services if the company is registered and operating in a location where the government entity no longer has the responsibility for the enforcement of laws, rules or regulations for operating nuclear facilities nor has an operating nuclear facility located within their jurisdictional boundaries?

**Reply:** It is the opinion of the Committee that as an alternative to the requirements in QAI-1-2018, Part 1, para. 1, 1-1.1.1(c)(1); Part 2, para. 2-1.1.1(c)(1); or Part 3, para. 3-1.1.1(c)(1), the following requirements may be used as a basis for the renewal of an AIA qualified as a company in the business rules listed below may be used as a basis for renewal of an AIA qualified as a company in the business of providing “third party” inspection services with Section III or Section XI in the scope of their Certificate:

1.0 Qualifications

1.1 An AIA qualified as a company in the business of providing “third party” inspection services shall:

1.1.1 Have been accredited by ASME prior to July 1, 2019 and have an active Certificate of Accreditation identifying the performance of inspection activities to QAI-1, Part 1, Part 2 or Part 3 with Section III and/or XI inspections within the scope of their Certificate;

1.1.2 Retain the original AIA Certificate of Accreditation under para. 1.1.1;

1.1.3 Have employed at least one Inspector and at least one Supervisor meeting the qualification requirements of Part 1, Part 2 or Part 3, as appropriate, with each holding the appropriate endorsements in establishing the proper supervisory relationship between the Supervisor and Inspector.

1.2 Use of this case shall be documented in the AIA’s Quality Program Manual.

1.3 All other requirements of QAI-1-2018 shall be met.