Inquiry: What alternative requirements may be used that would allow a qualified individual to be certified as a Provisional ANDE Level III for a specified duration only for the purposes of validating and documenting education, training, and experience for candidates seeking certification to the ASME ANDE-1 Standard? Additionally, may an alternative transition provision be used for Level I and Level II applicants during the transition period?

Reply: It is the opinion of the Committee that a qualified individual may be certified as a Provisional ANDE Level III, for a specified duration, only for the purposes of validating and documenting education, training, and experience for candidates seeking certification to the ASME ANDE-1 Standard and to provide an alternative for Level II certification during the transition period. The qualification requirements for Provisional ANDE Level III certification are specified in Section 1 of this Case. The qualification requirements and training provisions for Provisional ANDE Level II certification are specified in Section 2 of this Case. The alternative transition provision does not apply to Level I NDE personnel.

1 ANDE PROVISIONAL LEVEL III CERTIFICATION

A Provisional Level III Certification shall be available to current Level III personnel certified in a given nondestructive examination (NDE) method that meets the transition criteria.

1.1 Eligibility Requirements

ANDE Provisional Level III candidates shall meet the eligibility requirements for education, training, and experience in accordance with nationally recognized certification programs. Documented experience should encompass a broad base of ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code examination/inspection activity. Applicant eligibility shall include documentation of current Level III certification and a minimum of 5 yr of Level III experience that includes the qualification and certification of personnel in each method requested.

1.2 Examination Requirements

Individuals with current employer NDE Level III certification(s) based on nationally recognized nonemployer-based basic and method written examinations may be considered for provisional certification. Acceptable certifications include those from:

(1) the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT)
(2) the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
(3) ISO 9712

NOTE: The certifications must be nationally recognized and recognized within the ANDE specific industry sector (SIS).

1.3 Application

Transition shall be a “one time only per method” opportunity within an applicable SIS. Applications shall include a document outlining the requirements, guidelines, and expectations of the Provisional Level III. The applicant shall provide documentation of NDE Level III certification, education, training, and experience. The Provisional Level III candidate shall acknowledge within the application attestation of understanding of the requirements and expectations of this position. Applications shall be submitted to the ANDE-1 Certification Body.

1.4 Provisional NDE Level III Certification Period

ANDE Provisional Level III Certification is valid for three (3) years from the date of issuance or as determined by the applicable SIS.

1.5 Full-Program Certification

To be issued the full ANDE Certification, an ANDE Provisional Level III individual shall complete the Certification Body’s Qualification Card training and shall successfully complete the applicable practical demonstration at an ANDE Designated Testing Organization (DTO).
2 ANDE PROVISIONAL NDE LEVEL II CERTIFICATION

NDE candidates shall have a signed endorsement from a Provisional or ANDE Level III for consideration to meet the ANDE Standard training requirements. Additionally the individual shall:

(a) include documentation of current Level II certification and a minimum of 3 years of Level II experience.

(a)(1) Certifications may be either nationally recognized or employer-based and recognized within the ANDE specific industry sector (SIS). Nationally recognized certifications include:

- the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT)
- the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
- ISO 9712

NOTE: Acceptable written examinations are based on current certifications as addressed above.

(b) have completed an ANDE Qualification Card under the direction of a Provisional or ANDE Level III.

The individual shall then be eligible to apply for certification. Upon successful completion of the applicable practical demonstration at an ANDE DTO, the individual will be certified to the ANDE Standard.

3 DURATION OF THE TRANSITION PROVISION

The duration of the transition provision described herein shall be available within the applicable SIS for a 3 year period. The applicable SIS may offer the transition provision for one NDE method or multiple methods, while other methods not yet transitioned may be offered at a later date. The applicable SIS may extend the duration of the transition period based on industry demand.