Inquiry: What alternatives to the requirements in QAI-1-2018, Part 1, para. 1-1.1.1(c)(2); Part 2, para. 2-1.1.1(c)(2); Part 3, para. 3-1.1.1(c)(2) or Part 5, para. 5-1.1.1(c)(2) for renewal may be used by an Authorized Inspection Agency (AIA) previously qualified as a company in the business of providing “third party” inspection services?

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(c)(2); Part 2, para. 2-1.1.1(c)(2); Part 3, para. 3-1.1.1(c)(2) or Part 5, para. 5-1.1.1(c)(2) the following requirements may be used as a basis for the renewal of an AIA qualified as a company in the business of providing “third party” inspection services not having accreditation or certification under a recognized accreditation or certification scheme acceptable by ASME:

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 QAI-1 effective July 1, 2019 and have an active Certificate of Accreditation identifying the performance of inspection activities to QAI-1, Part 1, Part 2, Part 3 or Part 5;
   1.1.2 Retain AIA Certificate of Accreditation, prior to July 1, 2019 under para. 1.1.1,

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.