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**Case 2996-1**

**Extension of Joining Personnel's Qualification Continuity**

**Section I; Section IV; Section VIII, Division 1; Section VIII, Division 2; Section VIII, Division 3; Section IX; Section XII; Section III, Division 1; Section III, Division 2; Section III, Division 3; Section III, Division 5; Section XI, Division 1**

*Inquiry:* Under what conditions may an organization extend the qualification continuity of joining personnel?

*Reply:* It is the opinion of the Committee that the qualification continuity of joining personnel who have experienced an employment interruption due to the COVID-19

outbreak may be extended an additional three months beyond that allowed by QW-322, QB-322, and QF-332, provided the following requirements are met:

(a) The qualification was valid at the time of the employment interruption.

(b) The qualification was scheduled to expire during the employment interruption.

The latest date the joining personnel uses the process within the extended period will be the new date for continuity purposes. QW-322.1(b), QB-322(b), and QF-322.1(b) shall still apply for the joining personnel whose continuity has been extended. The provisions of this Case will expire three months after the approval date.

This Case number shall be shown in the joining personnel's continuity report.

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The Committee's function is to establish rules of safety, relating only to pressure integrity, governing the construction of boilers, pressure vessels, transport tanks and nuclear components, and inservice inspection for pressure integrity of nuclear components and transport tanks, and to interpret these rules when questions arise regarding their intent. This Code does not address other safety issues relating to the construction of boilers, pressure vessels, transport tanks and nuclear components, and the inservice inspection of nuclear components and transport tanks. The user of the Code should refer to other pertinent codes, standards, laws, regulations or other relevant documents.