

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Gas Pipeline Safety OIR
Rulemaking 11-02-019
Data Response**

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QUESTION 2

Please provide all documents that constitute, report or describe PG&E's "written qualification program for inspectors performing any and all activities on a [PG&E] pipeline that affects the operation or integrity of the pipeline" referred to in PG&E's Answer 1.B.2, dated August 11, 2011, to U.A. Locals 246 and 342's Data Request of August 5, 2011.

ANSWER 2

As per the agreement reached by counsel during a telephone conference on January 5, 2012, PG&E will provide the applicable operator qualification document in response to this request. PG&E is not obligated to provide other documents that "report or describe" the qualifications. In addition, although the question refers to "weld or hydrostatic test" inspector qualifications, if there are other types of inspector written qualifications pertaining to gas transmission operations or maintenance, PG&E is requested to identify them, but is not required to provide the qualification at this time.

PG&E currently has 81 Operator Qualifications (OQ) regulated by the DOT (see GasPipelineSafetyOIR_DR_LocalUnions246-342_002-Q02Atch01).

OQ 10.02 Weld Inspection is provided as GasPipelineSafetyOIR_DR_LocalUnions246-342_002-Q02Atch02. The written test for 10.02 is built from the corresponding work procedures and standards. Each employee who takes the written evaluation is provided with the work procedures and standards that directly correlate with it. Currently PG&E is in the process of creating a Visual Weld Inspection OQ that will be approved and ready for implementation within the next 45 days. We will supplement this response when it is available.

PG&E has a specific hydro test procedure for each project it performs, but does not have an operator qualification specific to hydrostatic inspection. The test procedures are detailed and hold points to verify paperwork, calibrations, testing, patrolling emergency

response and drying procedures. We are holding inspector training in 2012 and also have an on boarding process for new hires.