

This morning, we announced that we were immediately standing down all non-emergency plastic fusion work again. This stand down was our decision, driven by an observation made by the CPUC related to our procedure and process of qualifying employees with the saddle electro-fusion technique. Out of an abundance of caution, we included all fusion work in the stand-down.

As we indicated to you this morning, we convened a meeting between representatives from the CPUC's Safety & Enforcement Division, Sunrise Engineering, the Northeast Gas Association (NGA) and our plastic qualification evaluators today to deconstruct our training/requalification process in great detail to ensure full compliance with federal and state regulations and our internal procedures.

As a result of the extended stakeholder outreach and evaluation efforts today, we are comfortable that there are no identified compliance issues. Therefore, we will lift today's stand down, for those recently re-qualified or who have had their previous qualification verified as utilizing both visual and destructive testing. This stand down is lifted with ONE EXCEPTION, specifically relating to the electro fusion saddle qualifications. While our procedure requires completion of the fusion and a destructive test, our re-qualification process did not follow this requirement. We will therefore remove this qualification from all employees as reflected on the attached excel file; the file shows the 404 employees who are currently qualified and please note, in columns Q & R that no one is qualified for the electro fusion saddle fitting.

Further, we committed to provide additional details regarding the re-qualification logistics. Going forward we are looking to begin re-qualifications on Monday, July 14th, leveraging both Sunrise Engineering and NGA. We will also be developing a plan to address qualifying employees for electro fusion saddle fittings and will communicate that information as soon as practical.

Thanks and be safe,

Kevin & Sean