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Ken,

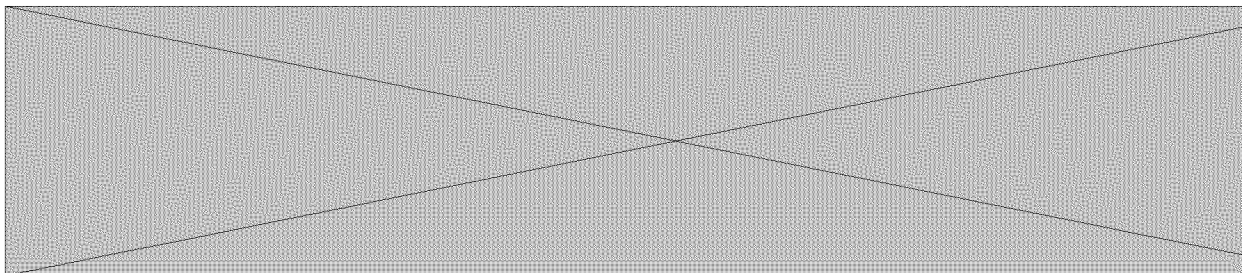
Below is an update that we provided to our Gas Operations employees regarding plastic fusion re-qualifications that I am forwarding for your reference.

Please let me know if you have any questions, require additional information or would like to discuss further.

Thank you.

Sumeet

From: A Message from Kevin Knapp and Sean Kolassa
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 9:11 AM
To: Gas Operations ELT
Subject: Plastic Fusion Re-Qualification Update



Team:

On June 27, 2014, after identifying a gap in how we had been implementing plastic qualification procedures, we stopped all non-emergency heat fusion work until an adequate number of our employees were re-qualified using both a visual verification and appropriate destructive testing to perform this work. This stand down applied to employees who were performing heat fusion plastic connections, including butt, socket, saddle and electro fusions. We compiled a list of employees from this population and began re-qualifying them on June 28.

To assist us, we retained third party industry experts to lead our re-qualification efforts as well as provide quality control over the process. Sunrise Engineering and representatives of the Northeast Gas Association (NGA) have worked with the Qualifications team to help improve our processes and procedures. They have also assisted us in initiating and completing the re-qualifying process for approximately 650 employees. We are now confident that we have enough qualified employees to perform both emergency and non-emergency fusion work. The third party industry experts finished their work last week and now we will transition this accelerated re-qualification effort back to the normal schedule.

Yesterday, the Training and Implementation (T&I) team began performing all plastic qualifications. To ensure all appropriate employees are qualified, the T&I team will continue travelling throughout the system re-qualifying employees who need the qualification and were not re-qualified between June 28 and August 8. In order to ensure a steady schedule for re-qualifications by the T&I team, employees may be scheduled for future requalification in less than 12 months.

Notable changes to the re-qualification process based on this effort:

- [REDACTED] Our re-qualification procedure will require both a visual verification and destructive test, and will be consistent with federal and state regulations.
- [REDACTED] Employees will be responsible for reviewing fusion procedures prior to re-qualifications, as review of the procedures or potential questions during the evaluation by team members will no longer be allowed.

We appreciate your unwavering commitment to our “find it and fix it” approach, as this is at the heart of becoming the safest, most reliable gas company in the nation. We would also like to thank you for all of your support and collaboration as we worked through this issue as a team. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact [Redacted] Ross Leverett or Peter Kenny.

Thank you,

Kevin and Sean

