

Standard Procedure for Evaluating the Qualifications of Coating and Lining Inspection Companies

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QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE NO. 5

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Section 1: Scope

- 1.1 This standard describes a method for evaluating the qualifications of coating and lining inspection companies who perform quality control or quality assurance inspection of applied coatings and linings.
- 1.2 The purpose of this procedure is to determine whether a coating inspection company has a corporate organization that clearly defines the authority and responsibilities of positions typically required for operation of a Coating Inspection Company, employs qualified management and inspection personnel, has established and implemented a viable quality management system, and has knowledge of industry technical standards and inspection practices.
- 1.3 This standard is a part of the AMPP accreditation program for firms. Although this standard references certifications and qualifications for individuals, those certifications and qualifications are administered through separate programs.

Section 2: Definitions

Agency Auditor: The person or persons performing audits on behalf of the Qualifying Agency in compliance with the requirements of this procedure and the Qualifying Agency's audit program.

Calibration: The set of operations that establish, under specified conditions, the relationship between values indicated by a measuring instrument and the corresponding known values of a measurement.

Coating: A liquid, liquefiable, mastic, powder composition, or thermally applied metal that is converted to a solid protective, decorative, or functional adherent film after application as a thin layer. Polymer surfacings on concrete substrates are also considered coatings.

Coating and Lining Inspection Company (hereafter "Coating Inspection Company"): A company whose primary function is to inspect the application process and the quality of the applied film.

Internal Auditor: The person or persons performing internal audits on behalf of the Coating Inspection Company. See [Sections 5.3.4](#) and [7](#).

Inspection: Confirmation by examination and provision of evidence that specified requirements have been met. The examination and determination of conformity with specific requirements based on professional judgment, and general requirements according to published industry standards, as required in each project specification.

Lining: A material used to protect the interior of a container against corrosion or to protect the contents of the container from contamination by the container shell material. Sprayable linings, sheet liners, and drop-in liners can be used to accomplish these purposes.

Parent Company: A parent company is defined as a company that has a controlling interest in another company, giving it control of its operations.

Qualifying Agency: An organization (e.g., certifying agency or facility owner) responsible for sponsorship or operation of a program to ensure uniform compliance with the provisions of a standard.