

3.00 Two or More Weld Process Tests

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To establish the principle that a pressure welder who undertakes two (2) or more welding tests will not be excluded from dispatch (*providing there is a specific manpower request for the “passed” test*), if the welder successfully passes one (1) or more of those tests. To that end the following shall be understood and implemented:
- 1.1.1 To establish a standard practice, under the ACTIMS umbrella that recognizes and promotes the optimal use of pressure welders such that the failure of one weld test does not exclude the welder from being dispatched for work for the welding processes that the welder “successfully” passed.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 ACTIMS: The Alberta Council of Turnaround Industry Maintenance Stakeholders.
- 2.2 Pressure Welder: An individual who is recognized by the province of Alberta, by either a “B” or “C” pressure welder designation, and who is recruited and works for a contractor at an owner’s project who is covered under the ACTIMS umbrella.
- 2.3 Participating Owner Projects: Applies to major turnaround work at the Shell Scotford/MRM, Suncor and Syncrude projects.
- 2.4 Participating Employer: A contractor who employs Non-Alberta, Canadian pressure welders and is a member of the ACTIMS GoE and participates in major turnaround work at the Shell Scotford/MRM, Suncor and Syncrude projects.
- 2.5 Conditions Principle: Those specific testing conditions that pressure welders must meet in order to qualify for and complete a successful pressure-welding test.
- 2.6 ACTIMS Administrator: The individual responsible for managing the day-to-day affairs of the ACTIMS organization and is recognized as such by the federal government under the “Human Resources Plan”.



3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1** The ACTIMS Administrator is responsible to ensure that this policy is administered fairly and equitably.
- 3.2** The ACTIMS Administrator is responsible to ensure that there is close and ongoing interaction with the respective Building Trades local unions (primarily the United Association Local 488 and Boilermaker Lodge 146) and applicable contractors to ensure proper recognition of welder testing such that optimal use of pressure welders occurs.
- 3.3** The contractor and the dispatching union must ensure that the individual welder testing is successfully completed and meets all of the conditions outlined in this procedure before the welder is allowed to be dispatched to work on an ACTIMS owner project.
- 3.4** The contractor and union must keep on file the applicable materials to support the individual's successful testing associated "specific" pressure welding process.

4.0 STANDARD PROCEDURE

- 4.1** The union receives a call from the contractor for pressure welder(s) and the "specific" tests that must be undertaken by the welder in order to comply with the manpower order.
- 4.2** The union canvasses its welders, an individual elects to bid and accepts the "specific" welder call for the contractor.
- 4.3** Arrangements are made for the welder to complete the "specific" tests for the welding processes designated in the contractor's manpower call to the union.
- 4.4** The welder undertakes the "specific" tests for the welding processes designated in the contractor's manpower call to the union.
- 4.5** The individual welder's results of the "specific" tests for the welding processes designated in the contractor's manpower call to the union are determined and, it is found that the welder has not passed the tests for all the processes but has passed one (1) or more of the tests.
- 4.6** The union contacts the contractor and advises that the welder had not passed all test processes and investigates whether the contractor can utilize the welder for the process or processes that the welder did pass. If yes, the welder is dispatched for those processes that were successfully completed.
- 4.7** In the event a dispute occurs and/or interpretation is required regarding this procedure, the ACTIMS Administrator will review such dispute or provide the applicable interpretation, in a timely manner, the Administrator's decision will be final.

