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**INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING
AN ASME CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION
FOR REINFORCED THERMOSET PLASTIC
CORROSION RESISTANT VESSELS**

The Standard for Reinforced Thermoset Plastic Corrosion Resistant Equipment, ASME RTP-1, requires that the organization fabricating RTP-1 items shall obtain a valid Certificate authorizing the use of the ASME Certification Mark.

In order to obtain the Certificate of Authorization, the Applicant must comply with the Quality Assurance requirements given in RTP-1. ASME, by using Survey Teams, reviews the Applicant's Quality Control Manual and its implementation. Any findings noted during the survey are discussed between the Applicant and the Team, and a report is submitted to ASME which either authorizes issuance of the Certificate or requests additional actions by the Applicant. ASME will audit Quality Control Programs on a random programmed basis over the three year life of the Certificate. The audits are unannounced.

The Survey Team consists of two ASME Consultants experienced in the field of quality assurance.

Quality Control Programs vary in complexity, detail and structure as do an Applicant's size, scope and volume of work. Because of the many variables, it is impossible to project the length of time required for the Survey Team's visit. The Survey Team will make every effort to conclude their visit in a minimum length of time. In addition, the Certificate Holder will be billed for any announced audit, which is required by the Subcommittee, or to change the scope on the present Certificate, if a scope change is requested. Therefore, the Applicant should include, in the scope request, all items for which there may be a need, over the three year life of the Certificate.

The "[Guide for ASME RTP Survey Teams for Surveys of Applicants](#)" provides a checklist of the elements of a Quality Control System. The Applicant is required to indicate the corresponding cross references to the provisions in the Quality Control Manual which address these elements. The completed Guide must be provided by the Applicant to the ASME Survey Team.

If the recommendation of the Survey Team is to issue the Certificate, the Applicant will be invoiced for the cost of the Survey. The invoice will reflect the fees and expenses of the Survey Team and ASME administrative fees. The invoice will also reflect the \$3,315.00 three year certificate fee and a Certification Mark fee on initial issuance. Both metal and rubber Marks are available. The cost is \$335.00 per Stamp. **Prices are subject to change without notice.** Annual programmed audits will be billed at a cost. The audit invoices will reflect the fees and expenses of the ASME Consultant(s) as well as ASME administrative fees. Failure on the part of the Certificate Holder to pay audit invoices will result in action by ASME to withdraw the Quality System Certificate

If the recommendation of the Survey Team is that a resurvey is required, or if a survey is terminated, the Applicant will be invoiced for the fees and expenses of the ASME Consultants and administrative charges only.

ASME requires an advanced deposit of \$11,000.00 prior to establishment of survey dates. This will be applied to the cost of the Survey as indicated above. If the Applicant withdraws their application after the remittance is received by ASME, there is an administrative fee of \$1,000.00, which will be deducted from the original remittance.

Please submit the application through [CA Connect](#). Please return the completed Accreditation/Certification Agreement and fees to:

**ASME
Accreditation/Certification Processing Dept.
150 Clove Road
Little Falls, NJ 07424**

In addition, it is requested that the Accreditation/Certification Agreement be emailed to ca@asme.org.

Cancellation of survey dates is subject to monetary penalty, deducted from the advance deposit on the following schedule:

\$2,000.00 for cancellation after acceptance of the survey dates.

\$3,500.00 for cancellation within 2 months of the survey dates.

\$6,000.00 for cancellation within 1 month of the survey dates.

In addition to the above, the Applicant will be charged for any committed travel and miscellaneous associated with the scheduled survey.

ASME will make every effort to conduct an evaluation of an Applicant's program at the earliest possible date after receipt of the application forms and deposit. However, it should be expected that a lead time of at least six months is usual because of scheduled surveys of other companies. ASME can accept no liability for any consequences to the Applicant, which may be the result of the survey or subsequent ASME actions. A renewal survey will be scheduled approximately eight to twelve weeks prior to the current expiration date to assure continuity of the Certificate.

Subscription to ASME RTP-1 is required for certification to assure that accredited organizations have the latest applicable rules. The rules published in the Standard are subject to revision periodically and become mandatory six months after the date of publication. Additionally, interpretations of the rules are published in supplements to the Standard. These addenda and supplements are provided to subscribers, as part of their basic subscription, to assure their awareness of the latest rules, revisions and interpretations. Reproduced documents from any source are not accepted for ASME certification, as they provide no assurance of completeness or that the user will be made aware of revisions and interpretations of the applicable Standard.

If you have any questions, please contact the ASME Conformity Assessment Department via email ca@asme.org.