



Encouraging Inspector Certification

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Certification helps maintain quality, safety, and a high level of performance within inspection crews. Certification also benefits individual inspectors by raising the prestige of the pipeline inspection career and validating experience by an independent quality standard.

In early 2016, the boards of directors of INGAA, INGAA Foundation, CEPA, and CEPA Foundation adopted the construction inspection certification program with goals for certified inspectors---it is up to us to make it work successfully.

The API 1169 Certification applies to new pipeline construction. Some operators are requiring it for pipeline maintenance activities and for construction management employees.

How can I motivate inspectors to certify?

While it is the responsibility of individuals to pass the API 1169 certification exam, some inspection service providers may either offer reimbursement for individuals who pass the test, or offer other incentives. Some providers have offered discounted training programs by partnering with training firms. If an inspection service provider is a member of API, they will receive a discounted price on the exam fee, transferrable to any inspectors whom they hire.

How will inspectors benefit from certification?

As part of the INGAA/ INGAA Foundation's Pipeline Inspector Certification Program, some members have stated they will give preference to certified inspectors. Some pipeline operators are requiring certified inspectors. Some project KPI's may include certified inspectors

Some service providers are already giving hiring preference to 1169 certified individuals. Certification also provides a more defined career path for new pipeline inspectors, and increased opportunity for advancement for experienced inspectors.

How will the opportunities to test line up with my employee's schedules?

API currently offers the 1169 certification exam during 4 time periods a year at hundreds of certified centers across the country. API will work with your team to custom schedule an examination session if you ask for a special exam for a large group. [see 'Application Tips' document]