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Subject: B31.3-2012, Interpretation of Para. 341.3.4 Progressive Sampling for Examination

Reference: Your July 3, 2014 Request for Interpretation; ASME C&S File #14-1287

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Your request for interpretation has been reviewed by the B31.3 Process Piping Committee. Following is the Committee's understanding of your question and official response:

Question: When both radiography and ultrasonic examination are acceptable methods in accordance with the engineering design, and a weld defect is located, may progressive sampling of welds per para. 341.3.4(a) be performed by either of these examination methods?

Reply: Yes.

Sincerely,

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