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FROM: Don Whittaker, Manager – Monogram Program/APIQR

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RE: **API Specification 5DP for Drill Pipe, First Edition**

Dear Colleague,

It is our pleasure to announce that API Spec 5DP, *Specification for Drill Pipe*, First Edition, has been issued August 2009. This Document is co-branded with ISO 11961:2008.

The publication date for this document was August 2009 with an effective implementation date of **August 1, 2010**.

The product requirements for API Spec 5D Drill Pipe and API Spec 7 Tool Joints are now covered under API Spec 5DP. API will be transitioning current API Spec 5D and API Spec 7 Licensees to API Spec 5DP between now and August 1, 2010 (the effective date of API Spec 5DP).

To aid with the transition, API has included the new API Spec 5DP licensing information form and a copy of API Spec 5DP.

**If you are a current API Spec 7 or API Spec 5D licensee, please review the following:**

In order for API to determine if an audit of your facility is necessary to transition your facility to API Spec 5DP, you are required to provide the following information to API at [apimonogram@api.org](mailto:apimonogram@api.org) by **March 15, 2010**:

- The completed API Spec 5DP licensing information form.
- Written evidence, in English, of what updates have been made to your quality management system to comply with the new requirements of API Spec 5DP.
- Information regarding any training provided to affected personnel and the evaluation of the training provided to ensure it was effective.

Considering that API Spec 5DP will become effective **August 1, 2010**, API will withdraw any API Spec 5D and API Spec 7 licenses on this date from facilities which have not provided evidence of the above mentioned items.



**If you are a current API Spec 7 or API Spec 5D applicant, please review the following:**

In order for API to transition your application(s) to API Spec 5DP, you are required to provide the following information to Jennifer Jones at [jonesj@api.org](mailto:jonesj@api.org) at your earliest convenience. Please note that if an audit has not been performed at your location, we cannot arrange an audit until the following information is received:

- The completed API Spec 5DP licensing information form.
- Written evidence, in English, of what updates have been made to your quality management system to comply with the new requirements of API Spec 5DP.
- Information regarding any training provided to affected personnel and the evaluation of the training provided to ensure it was effective.

The following updates have been noted:

- Charpy Impact testing requirements have been added for Tool Joints.
- NDE system qualification requirements have been added.
- PSL's have been introduced for higher tube impact requirements, low temperature Charpy Testing requirements, etc.
- Spec 7 licensees currently licensed for Threading of Rotary Shouldered Connections will now need a Spec 7-1 license for Threading of Rotary Shouldered Connections. Please note that it is not a requirement to have a Spec 7-1 license for Threading of Rotary Shouldered Connections in order to manufacture and Monogram Drill Pipe Bodies or Tool Joints under Spec 5DP. If your facility Threads Rotary Shouldered Connections and applies the Monogram to those threads as a supplier, you will then want to obtain a Spec 7-1 license.
- Spec 5D Processors will no longer be licensed under the API Monogram Program. If this affects your facility, please contact API for options on how to stay in the program.
- The term Drill Pipe now refers to the drill pipe body with tool joints attached. Facilities can now be licensed to manufacture the drill pipe assembly consisting of welding the drill pipe body to the tool joint.
- The pipe groups (Group I and Group III) have been eliminated.
- All products under API Spec 5DP will be eligible for the exclusion of Design and Development under clause 7.3 of API Spec Q1.

Should you have any questions regarding the transition process, please contact a member of the API Monogram Program staff in Washington, DC.

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