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Interpretation: N626-90-03

Subject: N626, 1990 Edition, 1992 Addenda, Additional ANI Requirements

Date Issued: January 17, 1994

Item: AIA-93-02

Question (1): May an Authorized Inspection Agency provide additional requirements beyond the requirements of N626.0 for authorized Nuclear Inspectors and Authorized Nuclear Inspector Supervisors?

Reply (1): Not addressed by N626.

Question (2): May an Authorized Inspection Agency, after submitting to the National Board the application for a special endorsement for Authorized Nuclear Inspector and/or Authorized Nuclear Inspector Supervisor, limit their assignments?

Reply (2): Not addressed by N626.

Interpretation: N626-90-04

Subject: N626, 1990 Edition, 1992 Addenda, 0-2.2.6, Rules for Relief Inspectors

Date Issued: April 15, 1994

Item: AIA-93-04

Question (1): If an individual is assigned to replace the Authorized Nuclear Inspector, is he required to be audited by the Authorized Nuclear Inspector Supervisor?

Reply (1): Yes, unless otherwise audited at another location.

Question (2): May the Authorized Nuclear Inspector Supervisor responsible for performing the twice yearly audits perform inspections as an inspector at a facility to which he is the designated ANIS, without having his inspections audited by another ANIS?

Reply (2): No, if the Authorized Nuclear Inspector Supervisor is assigned to perform any inspections as an Authorized Nuclear Inspector, then he must be audited by another supervisor.

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Interpretation: N626-90-05

Subject: N626, 1990 Edition, 1992 Addenda, N626.0, 0-2.1, and 0-3.1

Date Issued: June 1, 1994

Item: AIA-93-01

Question: Does the possession of a National Board Commission (work card) and the applicable endorsements provide acceptable evidence of compliance with N626.0, 0-3.1.8?

Reply: Yes.

Interpretation: N626-90-06

Subject: N626, 1990 Edition, 1992 Addenda, 0-1.2.3, 0-1.2.5(d), 0-2.2.6, and 0-3.1.8

Date Issued: June 1, 1994

Item: AIA-93-03

Question (1): Are the audits of the Authorized Nuclear Inspector required when the Inspector is not actively engaged in nuclear inspection activities?

Reply (1): No, unless one or more of the activities in paras. 0-2.2.6 [(a) through (f)] or 0-3.2 have been performed.

Question (2): Is an Authorized Inspection Agency prohibited from acquiring and maintaining the special endorsements for those individuals not actively engaged in nuclear inspection activities?

Reply (2): Not addressed in N626.

Interpretation: N626-90-07

Subject: N626, 1990 Edition, 1992 Addenda, 0-2.2.5, 1-1.2.8, 1-2.2.5, and 2-2.2.5

Date Issued: June 1, 1994

Item: AIA-94-01

Question: Is an Authorized Nuclear Inspection Agency permitted to establish and maintain a system to record and limit the radiation exposure of its Authorized Nuclear Inspection personnel that incorporates radiation monitoring data accumulated by the nuclear licensees in lieu of performing radiation monitoring?

Reply: Yes. The Authorized Nuclear Inspection Agency is expected to obtain and maintain documentation regarding this matter.

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Interpretation: N626-90-08

Subject: N626, 1990 Edition, 1992 Addenda, 1-1, Owners Qualifying as AIAs

Item: AIA-94-03

Date Issued: September 7, 1995

Question (1): Does N626 allow an owner who develops and implements a program to meet the requirements of N626.1, Section 1-1.2.4 to be considered as an Authorized Inspection Agency per Section 1-1.1.1 and qualified in accordance with N626.1, Section 1-1.1.2 after obtaining ASME accreditation?

Reply (1): No.

Question (2): Can an Authorized Nuclear Inservice Inspector employed by an owner in accordance with Question (1) and meeting the requirements of N626.1, Section 1-3, perform the duties of an ANII defined in Section XI?

Reply (2): No.

Interpretation: QAI-95-01

Subject: QAI-1, 1995 Edition, 0-1.1.1(b), 1-1.1.1(b), 2-1.1.1(b), and 5-1.1.1(b)

Item: AIA-96-01

Date Issued: April 22, 1996

Question: Does the issuance of a credential to an inspector, such as a certificate of competency or a jurisdictional commission, satisfy the requirement in 0-1.1.1(b), 1-1.1.1(b), 2-1.1.1(b), and 5-1.1.1(b) whereas the insurance company shall obtain authorization to provide inspection service from the jurisdiction?

Reply: Yes.

Interpretation: QAI-95-02

Subject: QAI-1, 1995 Edition, 0-2.2.6, 1-2.2.6, 2-2.2.6, and 5-2.2.5

Item: AIA-96-02

Date Issued: April 22, 1996

Question: Are the requirements of 0-2.2.6, 1-2.2.6, 2-2.2.6, and 5-2.2.5 only relevant to auditing the performance of the Authorized Inspector?

Reply: Yes.

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