



Five Minute Meeting:

Topic: Combining OQ-0701 “Purging with Air” and OQ-0702 Purging with Gas” into One (1) Task, **OQ-0701 “Purging with Gas and/or Air”**

Date: 02/23/2021

Audience: All Company gas employees performing work on gas facilities, their Supervisors, Management and Leadership, Quality Management, GC, QC & NDE, and contractors

The key thing you need to know

There have been two (2) separate OQ tasks for purging gas and air, OQ-0701 “Air Purging” and OQ-0702 “Gas Purging”. This has created some confusion and frustration of which task is required to perform purging operations. To streamline and simplify the OQ process, the two (2) tasks are being combined into one and is now **OQ-0701 “Purging with Gas and/or Air”**.

Why it matters to you

It is every gas employee’s responsibility to know which OQ tasks they are qualified to perform and to be informed of any changes affecting their qualifications. Moving forward, there will only be one OQ task to cover the gas and air purges. This will eliminate confusion when trying to figure out which purging OQ is required when either gassing up, or clearing, a line.

Key discussion points

- OQ-0701 will now include purging with gas and/or air. It will not be necessary to possess two (2) separate OQ tasks after successfully completing the new OQ-0701 written exam
- OQ-0702 is being deactivated, and will remain active for those who possess it, but it will no longer be available for testing. OQ-0701 will be given
- Individuals currently in possession of OQ-0701 and/or OQ-0702 will continue to remain OQed for the task(s) they hold through the qualification interval not to exceed the current quarter of the expiration date. At the time of testing, OQ-0701 will be provided
- There is no anticipated effect on workgroups or the work they perform, as the majority of individuals responsible for purging already possess both OQ-0701 and OQ-0702 (**This will not effect Field Services employees; they hold OQ-0705**)
- OQ-0703 “Inert Purging” continues to be required if using an inert gas (i.e. Nitrogen) in the purge

Questions to ask for understanding

- If an individual possess OQ-0701 and/or OQ-0702, what test will they take and when?
- ✓ The OQ-0701 test will be provided when OQ-0701 and/or OQ-0702 are scheduled to expire (which ever comes first).
- Will an individual currently in possession of either, or both, OQ-0701 and/or OQ-0702 be qualified to continue purging with the “driving” product they are OQed for?
- ✓ Yes. The OQ(s) will remain valid through the qualification interval not to exceed the current quarter of the expiration date

Questions to ask for understanding (continued)

- If the OQ-0701 test is NOT initially passed, will it be acceptable to use gas to purge air (OQ-0702) if the task is possessed?
- ✓ No. The individual will **NOT** be qualified to purge until the OQ-0701 written exam has been successfully completed (unless work is performed in compliance with the Span of Control (SOC) 1:1, and under direct observation of a qualified individual).
- If an individual only possesses OQ-0701 and are scheduled to test for OQ-0702, what will occur?
- ✓ The individual will be given the OQ-0701 written test (regardless of the expiration date of the task), which when successfully completed will qualify them to purge using either gas or air.

OQ-0701, three (3) year qualification interval not to exceed the current quarter of the expiration date
Span-of-Control (SOC), 1:1

Who do I contact with questions

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