



Five Minute Meeting:



Topics:

New Pigging Tasks for contractors

Date: 01/09/2023

Audience: All contractors currently holding ITS pigging tasks and 3rd party evaluators currently administering pigging tasks

Why it matters to you?

New Pigging tasks are now available for contractors under PG&E contractor series

What you need to know?

The following new Pigging tasks are now available for contractors effective January 9th, 2023.

OQ Code	OQ Title	Interval	Method	Pre-requisite Training
PGEC1631	OQ-1631 Launching and/or Receiving Internal Devices (Pigs) With a Temporary Launcher and/or Receiver for Lines Out of Service	3 Years	Written & Performance	1631 Training: Launching and/or Receiving Internal Devices (Pigs) With a Temporary Launcher and/or Receiver for Lines Out of Service
PGEC1641	OQ-1641 Launching or Receiving Internal Devices (Pigs) Using Traps	3 Years	Written & Performance	1641 Training: Launching or Receiving Internal Devices (Pigs) Using Traps
PGEC5921	OQ-5921 Launch and Receive Distribution Pipeline Pigs	3 Years	Written & Performance	5921 Training: Launch and Receive Distribution Pipeline Pigs

More details regarding the new OQ setup in ITS,

- Pigging OQ tasks have requalification interval of 3 years.
- You must pass both written and performance exams to qualify for the OQ. The pass score for written exam is at least 80%. The system will record a failure if the written exam pass score is less than 80%. You will get 3 attempts to pass both written and performance exams.
- The written exam will be a closed book test and no reference material will be available for the test.
- No coaching report will be available after failure of written exam.
- You must complete pre-requisite training before attempting to test on Pigging tasks.

Key discussion points

What has changed with contractors currently holding pigging tasks under ITS enhanced series?

- Contractors will get credit for the new tasks if they currently hold the pigging tasks under the ITS enhanced series.
- The expiration date for the tasks that is credited, will be retained from the ITS enhanced series and the new interval will kick in only at the time of renewal
- The Approved Task List (ATL) for approved 3rd party evaluators will be updated to allow administration of performance tests for the new Pigging tasks.
- Please ensure that the required training and tasks under the PG&E contractor series is profiled to the contractor.

FAQs:

- **Question:** Will this impact my current Pigging qualification under ITS enhanced series?
- ✓ **Answer:** No, you will be credited for the same tasks under the PG&E contractor series
- **Question:** Do I need to retake the training that is defined as pre-requisite for the new tasks?
- ✓ **Answer:** You will get credit for the training under PG&E contractor series if you have already completed the training. You will be required to complete the training to requalify for the task, if you have not completed the training
- **Question:** As an evaluator, do I need to go through PG&E assessment if I am already approved to administer pigging tasks?
- ✓ **Answer:** No, you will not be required to go through PG&E assessment. Only evaluators who do not currently administer Pigging tasks and are not approved by PG&E, must go through PG&E assessment.
- **Question:** Will I be notified when my qualification will be due?
- ✓ **Answer:** Periodic e-mail alerts from ITS will be triggered – 90, 60, 30 and 7 days before the qualification is due in the system.
- ✓ **Question:** Will my profile be automatically updated with the new tasks and training?
- ✓ **Answer:** Admin of the contractor company, must ensure that the profiles are updated to include the new pigging tasks and training.

Who do I contact with questions?

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