



# Five Minute Meeting



**Date:**  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Topic:**  
OQ 0215 replacing 0211,  
0213 and 0216.

**Audience:**

- All Gas Ops
- Construction Management
- Gas Inspectors
- Contractors and Applicant Installers
- Contract OQ Evaluators
- Service Planning
- Quality Management

**Required Action:**

- Read, understand and react to the 5mm

**Approver:**

- Ronda Shupert, Manager Gas Qualifications

**Why it matters to you:**

OQ's 0211, 0213 and 0216 will no longer be administered for OQ testing and will be consolidated into OQ-0215 Installation, Backfill, Compacting. Those who currently hold OQ's 0211, 0213 and/or 0216 will need to obtain 0215 in order to continue performing the specified work.

**Key discussion points:**

- Effective immediately, OQ-0211 Install & Shade Pipe in a Ditch (Plastic), OQ-0213 Install & Shade Pipe in a Ditch (Plastic/Steel) and OQ-0216 Install & Shade Pipe in a Ditch (Steel) will be discontinued for contractors, applicant installers and PG&E employees. The three OQ's will be consolidated into OQ-0215 "Installation, Backfill, Compacting". This will help reduce the total number of OQ's those performing the specific work listed above are required to hold and also meet the Backfill and Compacting requirement identified as a gap by the Safety Enforcement Division (SED) of the CPUC.
- OQ-0215 will qualify individuals to apply bedding and haunch material within a ditch (when applicable), place pipe in the trench (plastic and steel), place shading material, initial backfill and backfill in the ditch, and complete compaction of the excavation to meet requirements.
- Individuals performing such work activities have until **May 31st, 2021** to obtain the OQ.
- OQ-0215 is a written only exam for qualification of task.
- OQ-0215 will be available for testing **May 8th, 2020**.
- Those who are currently qualified with OQ-0211, OQ-0213 or OQ-0216 can still perform those work activities, limited to the parameters of the task; but, may perform backfill and compaction operations (i.e. an individual possessing OQ-0211 may only install plastic pipe in a ditch, backfill and compact the trench), and will have until **May 31st, 2021** to successfully complete the new OQ-0215.
- If unsuccessful with the OQ-0215 exam, OQ's 0211, 0213 and/or 0216 will be removed.
- As of **May 31st, 2021**, OQ's 0211, 0213 and 0216 will be retired (deactivated) in ITS and no longer active for qualification of performing work.
- **Contract OQ Evaluators** currently approved for OQ's 0211, 0213 and/or 0216 will automatically be approved for 0215 and will not need to be reassessed.

**When is this effective?**

- This is effective immediately and successful completion of OQ-0215 must be completed no later than **May 31st, 2021**.

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### For additional information

For question regarding how these changes might affect your team, please reach out to the Gas Qualifications Department.

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