Rules for Commissioned Inspectors

Overview and some Recent Changes to RCI-1
RCI-1 describes the duties for National Board Commissioned Inspectors and Supervisors

Developed and maintained by the Qualifications Committee

Revisions are presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval.
Overview

* Commissions and Endorsements
* Examinations
* Inservice
* New Construction
* Repair*
* Diary
* Code of Ethics
* Complaints and Due Process
Some changes to Qualifications/Requirements

Education requirements (Table 1) college degree in engineering 3 credits, classroom technical training minimum 80 hours = 1 credit

Application for reinstatement over 12 months requires completion of continuing education credits
Commissions and Endorsements.
Part 1 & 2

* If you have been completely out of the industry for 24 months you must retake the exam.
* Continuing education for all inspectors now annual
* Application “R” endorsement
* Qualifications for the R endorsement
* AI 80 hours of OJT
* Supervisor must have a commission
* Provide training to maintain competency
* Assign work appropriate for inspectors skill level
* Maintain work records
* Document non-conformance
* Audit and document performance
* Ensure proper safety training
All requirements for repairs and alterations have been removed. An Inservice Inspector can no longer sign off on repairs or alterations.

An entire new section of RCI-1, part 5, covers the duties of an “R” endorsed inspector.

There are provisions for grandfathering.

Any inspection must meet all jurisdictional requirements.
Authorized Inspector (AI) requirements remain largely the same.

As before, consistent with ASME QAI-1.

Added requirement for Supervisor and AI attendance at joint reviews.

Note: Supervisor must record date of visits to shops in bound diary.
Inservice and new construction inspectors will have to obtain an “R” endorsement to perform repair work.

- The requirements for repairs, originally in Part 3, now in Part 5, remain the same
- Diary requirements are the same
- Added requirement for Supervisor and Inspector attendance at joint reviews

Note: Supervisor must record date of visits to shops in bound diary.
The section remains the same with the exception of the changes required by the addition of Part 5

Keeping the diary requires diligence

The diary must be available for reviews and investigations
Conflict of interest is tightened up to prevent the inspector from playing two roles. Inspector cannot

- Good Faith Actions
- Public Perception
- Independence, Impartiality, and Integrity
Due process & Glossary

- Due process remains the same
- Neglect or falsification
- Peer review board may be convened.
- Glossary changes to reflect changes in endorsements
- Added description of Inservice Supervisor and reiterated the requirement for holding a commission
Closing/Questions

* Your commission represents:
  * A responsibility to the client, employer, jurisdiction, community and yourself
  * When you do your job correctly, risk is minimized, people stay safe, and property is preserved