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*THE NATIONAL BOARD  
OF BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTORS*

# **NATIONAL BOARD INSPECTION CODE NR TASK GROUP**

## **MINUTES**

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Meeting of January 12, 2026  
New Orleans, LA

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## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. Central Time, in Lafitte AB on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the hotel by Chair Raymond Spuhl.

## 2. Introduction of Members and Visitors – A list of attendees can be found on Attachments page 1

## 3. Check for a Quorum–Quorum Confirmed

## 4. Awards/Special Recognition–None

## 5. Announcements

- This meeting marks the end of Cycle C for the 2027 NBIC edition.
  - Last cycle for LBs.
- The National Board will be hosting a reception on Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Hard Rock Café on Bourbon Street.
- The National Board will be hosting breakfast and lunch on Thursday for those attending the Main Committee meeting. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in the Atrium on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the hotel, and lunch will be served at the same location from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Meeting schedules, meeting room layouts, and other helpful information can be found on the National Board website under the **NBIC** tab → NBIC Meeting Information.
- Remember to add any attachments that you'd like to show during the meeting (proposals, reference documents, powerpoints, etc.) to the NBIC SharePoint site ([nationalboard.sharepoint.com/sites/NBIC](http://nationalboard.sharepoint.com/sites/NBIC)) **prior to the meeting.**
  - Note that access to the NBIC SharePoint site is limited to committee members only.
  - ALL powerpoint attachments/presentations must be sent to the NBIC Secretary for approval prior to the meeting.
  - Contact Jonathan Ellis ([nbicsecretary@nbbi.org](mailto:nbicsecretary@nbbi.org)) for any questions regarding NBIC SharePoint access.
- When possible, please submit proposals in Word format showing “strike through/underline.” Project Managers: please ensure any proposals containing text from previous NBIC editions are updated with text from the most current edition.
- If you'd like to request a new Interpretation or Action item, do so on the National Board Business Center.
  - Anyone, member or not, can request a new item.
- As a reminder, anyone who would like to become a member of a group or committee:
  - Should attend at least two meetings prior to being put on the agenda for membership consideration. The nominee will be on the agenda for voting during their third meeting.
  - The nominee must submit the formal request along with their resume to the NBIC Secretary **PRIOR TO** the meeting. [nbicsecretary@nbbi.org](mailto:nbicsecretary@nbbi.org)
  - If needed, we can also create a ballot for voting on a new member between meetings.
- Thank you to everyone who registered online for this meeting. The online registration is very helpful for planning our reception, meals, room setup, etc. It is also a good way to make sure we have the most up-to-date contact information. Please continue to use the online registration for each meeting.
- NBBI Committee Code of Conduct requirements review.

## 6. Adoption of the Agenda- A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion unanimously passed.

## 7. Approval of the Minutes of the July 2025 Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July 2025 meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

## 8. Review of Rosters

### a. Membership Nominations

### b. Membership Reappointment

The following memberships are up for reappointment: Mr. Thomas Roberts, Mr. Ben Schaefer, and Mr. Bryan Toth

### c. Officer Nominations

## 9. Interpretations

There are currently no open interpretation items for the NR Task Group to address.

## 10. Action Items

<b>Item Number: A23-60</b> <b>NBIC Location: Part 3, 1.6</b>
<b>General Description:</b> Endorsements required for Nuclear Inspectors based on Category of work
<b>Subgroup:</b> NR TG
<b>Task Group:</b> C. Dinic (PM), A. Khssassi, A. Triplett
<b>Explanation of Need:</b> Endorsements required for Nuclear Inspectors based on Category of work (1, 2, or 3)
<b>NR TG January 2026 Meeting Action:</b> This was item was put on hold pending progress on new ANIA document for non-ASME Category 3 activities.

<b>Item Number: A24-09</b> <b>NBIC Location: Part 3, 1.6.1 – 1.6.5</b>
<b>General Description:</b> Update and revise NR Scope in 1.6.1 - 1.6.5
<b>Subgroup:</b> NR TG
<b>Task Group:</b> R. Spuhl (PM)
<b>Explanation of Need:</b> Scope and update and revision to 1.6.1 - 1.6.5.
<b>NR TG January 2026 Meeting Action:</b> R. Spuhl presented a PR. A revised proposal was presented. A revision to the NBIC text and the NB-417 was proposed to remove from the NBIC and put into the NB-417 the timeframe for an NR Cert Holder to receive a Cert if they have an active N-type ASME certificate (similar to the change in NB-415). The NBIC currently states 12 months; the proposed revision would delete the NBIC reference and add to the NB-417 the time frame to match ASME Cert. periods based solely on a Manual Review.

**New Items:**

<b>Item Number: A25-48</b>	<b>NBIC Location: Part 3, 1.6.2.1</b>	<b>Attachments page 2-5</b>
<b>General Description:</b> Attempt to move Table 1.6.2.1 references into the text or glossary		
<b>Subgroup:</b> NR TG		
<b>Task Group:</b> R. Spuhl (PM)		
<b>Explanation of Need:</b> The Task group believes most if not all of the Acronyms are already in the body of the book and/or glossary and this table can be removed.		
<b>NR TG Jan. 2026 Meeting Action:</b> A motion was made and seconded to delete the acronym table 1.6.2.1 and open two new action items to define “Code” and “NQA-1” After discussion a vote was taken and motion unanimously passed.		

**11. Future Meetings**

- July 13-16, 2026 – Salt Lake City, UT
- January 11-14, 2027 – Nashville, TN

**12. Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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## NR TG - Jan. 2026

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**ITEM 24-09 Proposal 1-12-26****Proposed Changes to Section 1.6, Paragraphs 1.6 thru 1.6.5****1.6 “NR” PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS****1.6.1 SCOPE**

a) This section provides requirements that must be met for an organization to obtain a National Board “NR” Certificate of Authorization ~~to use the “NR” Symbol Stamp~~ for repair/replacement activities to nuclear items after all requirements of constructed in accordance with the requirements of the original ASME Code of construction are complete and the item is certified or other internationally recognized codes or standards for construction or inservice inspection of nuclear facilities.

b) For administrative requirements to obtain or renew a National Board “NR” Certificate of Authorization and the “NR” Symbol Stamp, refer to National Board Procedure NB-417, *Accreditation of “NR” Repair Organizations*.

**1.6.2 GENERAL**

a) An organization applying for a ~~National Board~~ “NR” Certificate of Authorization shall have a written Quality Assurance Program (QAP) that details the specific requirements to be met based on the intended category of activities selected by that organization as described below and shown in Table 1.6.2. Controls used in the QAP, including electronic capabilities, shall be documented in a Quality Assurance Manual (QAM). Controls required to be included within the QAM shall include who, what, when, where, ~~why~~ and how with an understanding that the how can be a reference to an implementation procedure or instruction. Quality activities to be described in the QAP are identified in Section 1.6.5 ~~thru 1.6.8~~. Applicants shall address all requirements in their QAP based on the category of activity and scope of work to be performed (i.e. organization’s capabilities) to which certification is requested.

## 1) Category 1

Any ASME Section III Code certified item or system not under the scope of ASME Section XI requiring repair/replacement activities irrespective of physical location and installation status.

## 2) Category 2

Any item or system under the scope of ASME Section XI ~~Division I~~ requiring repair/replacement activities irrespective of physical location, and based on regulatory or jurisdictional requirements.

## 3) Category 3

Items other than those covered by Category 1 or Category 2, requiring repair/replacement activities irrespective of physical location, or installation status.

b) Repair organizations performing repairs of pressure relief devices in nuclear service shall meet the additional requirements of NBIC Part 4, Section 4 and NBIC Part 4, Supplement 6.

**TABLE 1.6.2****“NR” QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM (QAP) REQUIREMENTS****Category of Activity Owner****Organizations other than****Owner**

Category 1

~~10 CFR Part 50 Appendix B.1.2~~

~~and~~ ASME Section III NCA-4000 and 1.6.6

~~& NQA-1 Part 1~~

~~10 CFR Part 50 Appendix B<sup>1,2</sup>  
and ASME Section III NCA-4000 and 1.6.6  
& NQA-1 Part 1~~

Category 2

~~10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B<sup>1,2</sup>As required by the Regulatory Authority,  
or NQA-1<sup>3</sup>, Part 1, and 1.6.7ASME  
Section XI Division I, IWA-4142~~

~~10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B<sup>1,2</sup>  
supplemented as needed with  
Owner's QA programAs required by the Regulatory Authority; or ASME  
NQA-1<sup>3</sup>, Part 1; or ASME Section  
III, NCA-4000 and 1.6.7~~

Category 3

~~ASME NQA-1<sup>3</sup>, Part 1, or  
Specify the Standard to which  
certification is desiredAs required by the Regulatory Authority and 1.6.8~~

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Specify the Standard to which  
certification is desiredAs required by the Regulatory Authority and 1.6.8~~

**Note 1:**

~~Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)— rules and regulations published by the executive departments  
and agencies of the federal government of the United States.~~

**Note 2:**

~~10 CFR 50 Appendix B— Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 50 Appendix B describes the  
quality assurance criteria for nuclear plants and fuel reprocessing plants.~~

**Note 3:**

~~The Edition (and Addenda, as applicable) of NQA-1 to be utilized shall be the latest endorsed by the  
Regulatory Authority, or as specified in the Owner's QA Program description reviewed and approved  
by the Regulatory Authority.~~

**1.6.2.1 DEFINITIONS**

The NBIC terms and definitions shall be supplemented, as applicable, by the terms and definitions of  
ASME Section III, Section XI ~~Division I~~, NQA-1, or other standards specified by the Regulatory Authority.

~~The following terms are as defined in the NBIC Glossary of Terms Section 9:~~

- ~~a) Authorized Inspection Agency~~
- ~~b) Authorized Nuclear Inspection Agency~~
- ~~c) Jurisdiction~~
- ~~d) "NR" Certificate Holder~~

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**TABLE 1.6.2.1**

**ACRONYMS**

ASME American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Applicant An Organization applying for "NR" *Certificate of Authorization*  
(new or renewal)  
CFR Code of Federal Regulations

## Code

~~ASME Code of Construction, Section III, Division I, (NCA, NB, NC, ND, NE, NF, NG, and NH) or ASME Section XI Division I Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components as applicable~~Original Code of Construction Code, Inservice Code and associated reference standards.

Jurisdiction Enforcement Authority

NB National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors

NBIC National Board Inspection Code

NB-263, RCI-1 Rules for Commissioned Inspectors

NCA ASME Section III, Subsection NCA, General Requirements for Division 1 and Division 2

NQA-1\* ASME Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility

Applications

NR Nuclear Repair

"NR" CH "NR" Certificate Holder

QA Quality Assurance

QAI-1 ASME Qualifications for Authorized Inspection

QAM Quality Assurance Manual

QAP Quality Assurance Program

QC Quality Control

WA ASME Section III, Division 3, Subsection WA, General

Requirements

**Note:**

\* Edition(s) endorsed by the Regulatory Authority

### **~~1.6.3 PREREQUISITES FOR ISSUING A NATIONAL BOARD "NR" CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION~~**

~~Before an organization can obtain a National Board "NR" Certificate of Authorization, the organization shall:~~

~~a) Have and maintain an inspection agreement with an Authorized Nuclear Inspection Agency accepted in accordance with NB-360, National Board Acceptance of Authorized Inspection Agencies (AIA) Accredited by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), containing within their scope Section III and XI with accreditation to perform repair and alteration acceptance inspections.~~

~~b) Have a written Quality Assurance Program which includes the quality assurance manual and any supporting procedures, instructions and specifications required to comply with this section. The Quality Assurance Program shall address all controls for the intended category and scope of activities requested.~~

~~c) Have a current edition of the NBIC.~~

#### ~~SECTION 1~~

~~d) Have available the code of construction, ASME Section XI Division 1 or 2 as applicable (when Category 2 is in the scope), the code of construction and associated referenced code sections and standards appropriate for the scope of work to be performed. ASME Section XI Division I and codes of construction (Editions/Addenda) shall meet the requirements of the Regulatory Authority and the owner.~~

### **1.6.4 OBTAINING OR RENEWING A NATIONAL BOARD "NR" CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION**

a) Before an "NR" Certificate of Authorization will be issued or renewed, the applicant must have the Quality Assurance Program and the implementation of the program reviewed and found acceptable by representatives of the National Board, the Jurisdiction when required, and the Authorized Nuclear Inspection Agency.

The Jurisdiction will be the National Board Member Jurisdiction in which the applicant is located or the location where the Quality Assurance Program is demonstrated/implemented. ~~At the request of the Jurisdiction, or where there is no National Board Member Jurisdiction, the National Board representative shall act on behalf of the Jurisdiction.~~ The implementation of the Quality Assurance Program shall

be satisfactorily demonstrated by the organization. Demonstration of implementation shall meet the most stringent (classification) code requirements for the scope and category of work to be specified on the "NR" *Certificate of Authorization* or as requested by the applicant.

b) If the applicant is an ASME "N" type *Certificate of Authorization* holder and, has satisfactorily undergone an ASME Nuclear Survey demonstrated

within the last twelve (12) months, the implementation documentation of their Quality Assurance Program from the ASME Nuclear Survey and can be provided as

documentation that the organization is capable of implementing its Quality Assurance Program as being in compliance with this section and. A further hardware verification implementation may not be necessary.

c) The Regulatory Authority or Jurisdiction, upon request to the National Board, may attend the survey process for an "NR" *Certificate of Authorization* to be issued or renewed.

d) The "NR" *Certificate of Authorization* holder shall be subject to an audit annually by the Authorized Nuclear Inspection Agency Nuclear Inspector Supervisor to ensure compliance with the Quality Assurance Program. This audit is not required the year of the National Board Survey/Review.

Commented [RS2]: Make a reference to NB-417

Commented [RS3]: This a change so it may need to be a separate item.

### 1.6.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

a) An applicant or a holder of a National Board "NR" *Certificate of Authorization* ("NR" Certificate Holder) shall have and maintain a written Quality Assurance Program. The Quality Assurance Program shall satisfactorily meet the requirements of this section Part, and Jurisdictional and Regulatory requirements as applicable. The Quality Assurance Program may be brief or voluminous, depending on the circumstances.

It shall be treated confidentially by the National Board and available for review by the Survey Team.

b) Each applicant for the "NR" Certificate of Authorization Holder is responsible for establishing and executing a Quality Assurance

Program. The applicant or "NR" Certificate Holder may subcontract activities needed to implement the Quality Assurance Program, as limited by ASME Section III and XI Division-I, but responsibility for adherence to the Quality Assurance Program remains with the a Applicant or "NR" Certificate Holder.

c) These rules set forth the requirements for planning, managing, and implementing the organization's Quality Assurance Program to control and ensure quality is performed and maintained during repair/replacement activities of nuclear components, items, parts, and systems for nuclear facilities. These rules are to

be the basis for evaluating such programs prior to the issuance or renewal of the National Board "NR" *Certificate of Authorization*. Rules identified in subsections 1.6.6, 1.6.7 and 1.6.8 of this section detail the Quality Assurance Program requirements for each category of activity. These rules are established to meet and follow the requirements specified in NBIC Part 3, Table 1.6.2 of this section.