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Supplemental Requirements for Applicators of Complex Coatings Endorsement (CCE)

Preface

The 2023 revision is not a complete revision of the *Supplemental Requirements for Applicators of Complex Coatings Endorsement (CCE)*. The following changes have been made in this revision:

Section 1 Before Your Audit

- 1.3 - Editorial

Section 2 During Your Audit

- 2.1 - Editorial
- 2.5 - Editorial

Section 3 Updates for SPE/QP 3 420-10 by Section

- New

Scope

This document (hereinafter referred to as the *Supplements*) provides the additional requirements for the AISC Certification Program for Applicators of Complex Coatings Endorsement (CCE) (hereinafter referred to as the *Program*).

Complex Coating Endorsement (CCE 1, 2, or 3) supersedes Sophisticated Paint Endorsement (P1, 2, or 3). The categories are as follows and defined in *Certification Standard for Shop Application of Complex Protective Coating Systems SPE/QP 3 420-10*:

- 1 - Enclosed
- 2 - Covered
- 3 - Exposed



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Section 1 Before Your Audit

- CCE1.1 All Participants and Applicants are required to have available and comply with these *Supplements* and the *Governing Requirements for Certification Programs* (hereinafter referred to as the *GRs*).
- CCE1.2 This *Program* is an endorsement to fabricator certification programs and requires concurrent certification(s) with an AISC Certified Fabricator Program. These are:
- Certification Program for Building Fabricators
 - Certification Program for Bridge Fabricators (all categories)
 - Certification Program for Hydraulic Fabricators (all categories)
 - Certification Program for Highway Component Manufacturers
- CCE1.3 This *Program* uses the *Certification Standard for Shop Application of Complex Protective Coating Systems* (SPE/QP 3 420-10) (hereinafter referred to as the *Standard*) as the normative document. Whenever there is a conflict between the *Supplements* and the *Standard*, the *Supplements* govern.
- CCE1.4 In order for the Participant and Applicant's coatings facility to be eligible for this endorsement, it must be operated under the same company name and Quality Management System.
- CCE1.5 Applicants to this *Program* must submit an application, payment, and all documents required by the *Application Document Submittal for AISC Certification—Complex Coatings*.

Section 2 During Your Audit

- CCE2.1 All Participants and Applicants are required to comply with and have available these *GRs*, the *Standard*, and the current editions, in English, of the following normative references:
- AISC 303, *Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges*
 - ANSI/AISC 360, *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings*
 - SSPC *Steel Structures Painting Manual, Volume 1, Good Painting Practice*
 - SSPC *Steel Structures Painting Manual, Volume 2, Systems and Specifications*
 - SSPC *Paint Application Specification No.1, Shop, Field and Maintenance Coating of Metals*
 - SSPC *Paint Application Standard No.2, Procedure for Determining Conformance to Dry Coating Thickness Requirements*
 - SSPC VIS 1, *Guide and Reference Photographs for Steel Surfaces Prepared by Dry Abrasive Blast Cleaning*
 - ASTM D3276, *Standard Guide for Painting Inspectors*
 - ASTM D7091, *Standard Practice for Nondestructive Measurement of Dry Film Thickness*



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- ASTM D4228, *Standard Practice for Qualification of Coating Applicators for Application of Coatings to Steel Surfaces*

- CCE2.2 Personnel involved in the coating application process of the Quality Management System may be either employees of the Participants/Applicants or contracted workers. In the case of the latter, contract status and qualifications must be demonstrable.
- CCE2.3 Participants and Applicants will be audited and evaluated to ensure that they demonstrate compliance with the current applicable SSPC coating specification regardless of whether this is required by the sampled contracts and specifications.
- CCE2.4 Protective coating inspectors (PCIs), when required by contract, may be either employees of or contracted by the Participant or Applicant. In the case of a contracted PCI, contract status and qualifications of the PCI must be demonstrable.
- CCE2.5 Participants and Applicants are required to have work in the shop at the time of the audit that can be used to demonstrate ability to meet the requirements of the *Program* or work of equivalent complexity as determined by the auditor.

When Participants and Applicants do not have contracted coating work in-house at the time of the audit and have not completed the preparation and application of complex coating systems within the past two years, then they may choose to demonstrate their capability to prepare and apply complex coating systems by creating a mock project or running a portion of a project that demonstrates compliance to the *GRs* and *Supplements*. Participants and Applicants may also choose to create a test panel that meets the requirements of ASTM D4228, *Standard Practice for Qualification of Coating Applicators for Application of Coatings to Steel Surfaces*, the Participant's coating process of the Quality Management System, and the *GRs* and *Supplements*.

Section 3 Updates for SPE/QP 3 420-10 by Section

3. SSPC-PA 1 *Shop, Field and Maintenance Painting of Steel* has been replaced by SSPA-PA 1 *Shop, Field, and Maintenance Coating of Metals*
- SSPC-PA 2 *Measurement of Dry Coating Thickness with Magnetic Gages* has been replaced by SSPC-PA 2 *Procedure for Determining Conformance to Dry Coating Thickness Requirements*
- 5.4.5 ASTM D 4228 refers to ASTM D4228 *Standard Practice for Qualification of Coating Applicators for Application of Coatings to Steel Surfaces*
14. Section 3 of SSPC-PA 2 is replaced by Section 5 of SSPC-PA 2.
15. Section 5.1.5 of SSPC-PA 1 *Shop, Field and Maintenance Painting of Steel* is replaced



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by Section 5.4 of SSPA-PA 1 *Shop, Field, and Maintenance Coating of Metals*

18.2 ASTM D 3276 refers to ASTM D3276 *Standard Guide for Painting Inspectors (Metal Substrates)*