

ADVISORY 8

Implementation and Maintenance of Quality Management System

This advisory addresses API's requirement for API Monogram License holders to implement and maintain a quality management system that conforms to the requirements of API Spec Q1, *Specification for Quality Programs for the Petroleum, Petrochemical and Natural Gas Industry*, at the licensed location at all times.

It is a program requirement that all licensees must maintain a quality program in conformance with the requirements of API Specification Q1 for all products at all times. All API product specification requirements are applicable to the specific products manufactured and/or services provided in conformance with those specifications, including API-monogrammed equipment. However, a quality management system in conformance with the API Spec Q1 is to be applied to all products and services of the petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries, at all times, whether or not these products or services carry the API Monogram. This policy is in accordance with the API's objective of supporting a high standard of quality, environmental, and health performance expectations for the petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industry.

Evidence of conformance with this program requirement is verified by API during facility audits.

This advisory supersedes any previous version.
It is considered part of API's Program Requirements and is compulsory.