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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SECOND INSPECTION OF PE JOINTS – PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS "PEER" INSPECTION

Due to recent events, and upon recommendations from the New York Public Service Commission, "Peer" inspections are no longer permitted.

As of November 1st, 2017, the Peer Inspection program was replaced with the "Second Inspection" program, which is performed by 3rd Party Contractor, or OQ Company Personnel if 3rd Party Contractor is unavailable.

Operator Qualified contractors must contact their Energy Services Representative and request a "Second Inspection" on all PE joints performed on their project, prior to backfill. 1-2 days advance notice would be preferable, but in the event of emergencies, an inspector should arrive within 2 hours.

The cost for this inspection will be borne by Con Edison, and will involve:

- Validating the qualifications of the Joiner.
- Verifying the fusion equipment has been inspected by the Gas Development Lab and is in compliance with the required inspection dates.
- Performing a 360 degree quality inspection of the PE joint, and ensuring proper documentation of second inspection in the Fuse-to-Fuser application.
- Marking all visually acceptable PE joints with "P" (Pass) and the employee # or contractor ITS# with a Company approved marker adjacent to the Joiner's #.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF A JOINT FAILS THE INSPECTION, THE JOINER WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM SIMILAR JOINTS UNTIL REQUALIFIED BY THE NGA.