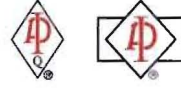




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TO: APIQR Registered Organizations  
APIQR Applicants

RE: APIQR ISO 9001:2015 TRANSITION PROCESS

As you may be aware, ISO 9001:2015 was published on September 15, 2015. As a result, APIQR and other third-party certification bodies are required to transition their ISO 9001 registered facilities to the new version within three years of the September 15, 2015 publication date, meaning not later than September 15, 2018.

The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB), our accreditation body for Quality Management System (QMS) and Environmental Management System (EMS) certification, requires that APIQR must transition first. Once completed, we will begin conducting certification audits based on the revised standard.

Given these requirements and to be well-prepared for an effective transition, please note the following:

1. All ISO 9001:2008 certificates issued after September 15, 2015 as a result of an initial or recertification audit will have an expiration date of September 15, 2018. Please note that **ISO 9001:2008 certificates will no longer be valid after September 15, 2018.**
2. Once your organization has successfully transitioned to the new ISO 9001:2015 edition and the APIQR team has verified this with an audit, your ISO 9001 certificate will be reissued with reference to the 2015 version and will have an expiration date that is consistent with the start date of the current certification cycle.
3. **All audits scheduled on or after September 1, 2016** shall be based on the requirements of **ISO 9001:2015**. We strongly recommend that you immediately review your QMS and begin making the required changes. Doing so now will help ensure that existing APIQR-registered and applicant organizations are ready to be audited by this date.

The APIQR team will provide additional updates about the transition process and requirements in January 2016. Please contact [certification@api.org](mailto:certification@api.org) if you have questions or need further information.

Very Respectfully,

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