



# Five Minute Meeting



## Date:

April 20, 2020

## Topic:

**OQ-0502 (A & B)  
Standby Pipeline for  
Contractors**

## Audience:

- Gas Maintenance & Construction
- GTGC
- Construction Management
- Gas Inspections
- Contractors & Applicant Installers
- Contract OQ Evaluators
- Service Planning and Design
- Gas Qualifications
- Quality Management
- Standby L&M
- Dig-In Reduction Team (DiRT)

## Why it matters to you

This 5mm provides clarification and updated guidelines for the Standby Pipeline OQ's 05-02, 05-02A and 05-02B.

## Key discussion points:

Effective immediately, the administration of Standby Pipeline OQ-0502(A) and OQ-0502(B) exams are suspended for contractors and applicant installers.

- Employees holding OQ-0502(A) or OQ-0502(B) will be required to obtain prerequisite OQ-0501 Locate & Mark facilities **OR** OQ-0504 Non-Production Locate & Mark by 8/31/2020 if they do not currently hold either OQ as of today. After 8/31/2020, OQ-0502(A) or OQ-0502(B) will be removed from the employees profile if they do not successfully complete either of the pre-requisite OQ's.
- Employees currently qualified with OQ-0502(A) or OQ-0502(B) that have successfully completed either of the required pre-requisite OQ's will retest on OQ-0502 Standby Pipeline when the employee is due for renewal.
- Going forward, OQ-0502 for contractors and applicant installers will be setup in ITS with the required pre-requisite OQ-0501 or OQ-0504.
- OQ-0502(A) and OQ-0502(B) will be removed from the ITS approved task list of 3<sup>rd</sup> party OQ evaluators in the contractor series and replaced with OQ-0502.

- **Approver:**  
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- **Important Note:** Employees who currently hold OQ-0502(A) that have formal and documented Pipehorn training can only “verify marks” during the standby. This this is still an approved practice until 8/31/2020.
- Employees that have formal and documented completion of either required pre-requisite OQ-0501 or OQ-0504 are allowed to verify and place paint marks on the ground.

### When is this effective?

This is in effect immediately and must be completed no later than 8/31/2020. Those who do not record successful completion of either required pre-requisite OQ-0501 or OQ-0504 by that date will have their Standby Pipeline OQ deactivated until all requirements are met.

**For additional information:** Regarding this change and how it may affect your team, please reach out to the Gas Qualifications Department for clarification. Contact- Vinay Shetty (VXSW), Chris McGowan (C4Me) or Kevin Salazar (KDS6)