



Five Minute Meeting:



Effective Date: 04/01/2022

Topic: New OQ-0805, “Aerial Leak Survey by Drone”

Per TD-4110P-01, Leak Survey Process

Audience: Gas employees who perform Leak Survey using aerial drone patrol of gas facilities over waterways and spans.

The key thing you need to know

This OQ qualifies a successful candidate to perform Leak Survey using aerial drone patrol of gas facilities over waterways and spans using an approved leak survey instrument attached to the drone. These tasks include observing, documenting, and reporting relevant conditions as specified in Utility Procedure TD-4110P-01, “Leak Survey Process.”

Why it matters to you

It is every gas employee’s responsibility to know which OQ tasks they are qualified to perform and to be informed of any changes affecting their qualifications.

Key discussion points

- OQ-0805, “Aerial Leak Survey by Drone” was developed for the line of business to begin using this new technology for safety of personnel allowing leak survey to be performed from the ground.
- Individuals that successfully qualify on OQ-0805 will hold the OQ’s for the task(s) through the qualification interval **not to exceed the current quarter of the expiration date**. At the time of retesting, OQ-0805 will be provided.
- OQ-0805, “Aerial Leak Survey by Drone” is a 3-year interval OQ.
- OQ-0805, “Aerial Leak Survey by Drone” Span-of-Control (SOC), 1:0
- The anticipated effect on workgroups:
 - As this is a new OQ being offered, employees anticipated to perform Leak Survey by Drone must take and pass OQ-0805, “Aerial Leak Survey by Drone” to be qualified.

Questions to ask for understanding

Q- What does it mean if I am unqualified for a covered task or OQ?

A. Per TD-4008S-

Unqualified: An individual who has never been qualified to perform a covered task or tasks, OR an individual who has been previously qualified and able to perform a covered task or tasks but for whom the qualification has lapsed or been removed.

Q-What happens if I fail the new written test OQ-0805, “Aerial Leak Survey by Drone three (3) times?

A- Like all OQ’s, after a third (3) attempt failure, the OQ will be removed, and you will no longer be qualified. In addition, the employee must wait 30 days to retest and must successfully pass to regain the OQ.

Q- If an individual has taken the new OQ-0805 test and failed it, will it still be acceptable to perform Aerial Leak Survey by Drone?

A- **No.** Like all OQ’s, when an individual fails an OQ test, that individual will lose that OQ. The Employee will have to pass the OQ to be qualified. In addition, if an OQ lapses/expires, the Employee loses the OQ and is **NOT** qualified until they successfully pass the OQ.

Q- How do I know if I am OQ qualified?

A- Employees can scan their OQ cards to see what they are qualified for. If the OQ does not show up on your card, you are not qualified. You will not be qualified on that OQ until you retake and successfully pass the required OQ exams.

Who do I contact with questions?

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