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## **KLINGER Engineered Solutions - WHAT WE BRING TO A SHUTDOWN THAT IS DIFFERENT**











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## THE 8 ABSOLUTE ESSENTIALS OF ASSURED JOINT INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT

#### 1) OWNERSHIP

A Joint Integrity Program (JIP) "owner" within the organisation must be appointed. The chosen individual, designated as a subject matter expert (SME), supports the entire strategy of the JIP and becomes the linkage to external and internal parties.

## 3) ASSESS CRITICALLY & SET RULES

Based on this risk analysis, the type of bolting and inspection procedures is determined for each level of risk. For high-risk joints, a dedicated contractor that specialises in bolting might be required. For low-risk joints, the facility's own general technicians may be sufficient, provided they meet the ASME standards as "Qualified Bolting Specialists".

## 5) JOINT IDENTIFICATION & TAGGING

The identification and tagging program should be as efficient as possible and already in place. This process is critical to ensure that technicians are aware of which bolted joint is currently under work and into which level of risk the equipment is categorised.

## 7) INSPECTION & COMPLIANCE

Inspection of bolted joints is an integral activity to ensure the continued integrity of the joints and, as such, should be included in every inspection program, i.e., 'you get what you inspect, not what you expect'. This area of a JIP assurance, looks at the possible flange damage that can occur, the inspection methods available for detection of defects, and mitigation measures that can be put into place to minimize effects due to degradation and improper assembly. Operators should ensure that QA/QC personnel are well-trained and well-versed in the fundamentals of bolting so they can support the craft, execute tasks effectively, and recognize any deviations to mandated procedures during the QC/QC process.

## 2) INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES & PROCEDURES

The organisation should seek, identify, and benchmark against best practices and guidelines in the industry. The best practices should be applied within the organisation's JIP processes, procedures, and documentation. Often, these best practices and procedures can be acquired from joint integrity service companies.

## 4) TRAINING & COMPETENCY MANAGEMENT

This area is concerned with ensuring that technicians working with bolted joints are sufficiently trained, experienced, and qualified to work within each level of risk. Training programs should contain content relevant to the organisation's needs and should require at least six months of training and practical experience to be classified as a Qualified Bolting Specialist based on compliance to ASME PCC-1-2019 Appendix A.

#### 6) COMPREHENSIVE DATA TRACKING

Various types of data are recorded in the data-tracking program. The tracking system covers the traceability of the technician that performed a job, the materials that were used, and the procedures that were followed. Data tracking can also extend to include the development of a Flange Data Management System (FDMS).

## 8) KPI, ANALYSIS & IMPROVEMENT

Analysis and key performance indicators (KPIs) of leakage and inspection data, coupled with formal reviews of the management system, should occur at agreed intervals by the owner and users. The results obtained from commissioning, incident analysis, and inservice inspections should be used to generate ideas for continuous improvement. Easily monitored but meaningful performance standards should be put in place at the launch of the process to quantify the contributions being made by the management system and evaluate user satisfaction. Feedback on good practices in integrity issues and causes or solutions to incidents should be provided both internally and to the industry to contribute to industry-wide continuous improvement.

As subject matter experts, let us take care of your joint integrity management while you spend time on your core business.



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