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Gas Certification Institute Offers Standard Operating Procedure Manuals For Energy Industry

SOP Manuals Ensure Compliance with Industry Regulations

HOUSTON, June 13, 2007 – Gas Certification Institute (GCI), a Houston-based gas measurement training facility, is now offering standard operating procedures (SOP) designed to provide a written process for gas measurement. GCI's SOP are designed in a Sarbanes Oxley (SOX) format for gatherers, pipelines and producers, ensuring implementation of best recommended practices as stated by American Gas Association (AGA), American Petroleum Institute (API) and Gas Processors Association (GPA).

“Natural gas pipelines and gatherers have always had standard operating procedures for gas measurement technicians and back office personnel, but in many cases, these procedures are not fully implemented across varying regional offices, and are not SOX compliant,” said Russel Treat, CEO of GCI. “Taking into consideration an aging workforce, companies are examining both their procedures and training to ensure consistent and routine implementation of gas measurement SOP.”

Treat added, “Producers have a special challenge in creating SOP for gas measurement. Producers generally have move individual distinctions in their operations due to different types of production operations and the various equipment types utilized. Even considering these challenges, the high value of natural gas and the need for SOX-compliant operations in public companies are causing management to look for efficient methods to implement auditable best practices that follow industry standards.”

GCI begins with a set of SOX-compliant SOP templates that address the most common operations required of measurement professionals. Those templates are then adapted to each company, specifically to their structures, processes, people and equipment. Each portion of the manual identifies the recommended standard (AGI, API or GPA), allowing users to reference documents as appropriate.

“The Gas Measurement SOP manual that GCI produced has become an integral part of our gas measurement process,” said Ned Davis, Gas Measurement Manager of MarkWest. “With the manual in hand, our employees all operate under the same set of standardized and auditable processes. We truly have experienced reduced work effort, and now have increased transparency and compliance with industry standards.”

GCI's SOP offering ensures that each manual will meet all requirements outlined by Sarbanes-Oxley, including scope, applicability, governance, and terms and definitions. It will be auditable, verifiable, and accountable, and guarantees that all employees are performing from the same set of standards, ensuring the quality and integrity of each company and its operations.

About Gas Certification Institute

Gas Certification Institute (GCI) is a hands-on training facility for oil and gas field personnel. GCI helps companies certify their employees, equipment and processes, so they can meet the unique requirements of natural gas pipeline operations. For more information, visit www.gascertification.com.

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