QP 2 CERTIFICATION PROCESS

START

DO YOU HAVE A QP1 CERTIFICATION?

YES

CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE SIX MONTHS OF COMPLIANCE WITH QP2 QUALITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS?

NO

FCA CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH:
- SAFETY & HEALTH PROGRAM
- SUPPORT IN OBTAINING A QP1 CERTIFICATION

NO

DO YOU HAVE A COMPETENT PERSON?

YES

SUBMIT APPLICATION

SSPC EVALUATION

AUDIT OFFICE AUDIT
JOBSITE AUDIT
EXIT INTERVIEW

PASS

CORRECTIVE ACTION WITHIN 45 DAYS

FAIL

AUDITOR REVIEW

PASS

QP2 CERTIFICATION

FINISH

A COMPETENT PERSON (CP) IS AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT ROUTINELY A MEMBER OF THE WORK CREW AND IS BUDGETED FOR SEPERATELY. THE CP REPORTS DIRECTLY TO UPPER MANAGEMENT AND HAS WRITTEN AUTHORITY TO ENSURE OPERATIONS ARE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPLIANCE PLANS AND APPLICABLE REGULATIONS.


SSPC RARELY REJECTS APPLICATIONS. AS LONG AS THE CONTRACTOR IS WORKING TOWARDS CORRECTING THE PROBLEM, SSPC WILL KEEP THE CONTRACTOR'S APPLICATION OPEN UNTIL THE CONTRACTOR COMPLETES THE REQUIREMENTS.
How Does SSPC Evaluate a Contractor for Certification?

Must a contractor be QP 1 certified to become QP 2 certified?
Yes. The contractor must first demonstrate knowledge of the basics of surface preparation and painting (QP 1) to become QP 2 certified.

What is the difference between Category A and Category B?
Category A: This category consists of dry abrasive blast cleaning, power tool cleaning, wet abrasive blast leaning, and water jetting, within a ventilated containment system. It entails the use of an engineered ventilation system with negative pressure in accordance with the following Classes as described in SSPC-Guide 6:
  • Classes 1A or 2A
  • Class 1W

Category B: This category consists of dry abrasive blast cleaning, chemical stripping, power tool cleaning, wet abrasive blast cleaning, water cleaning or water jetting within containment in accordance with the following Classes as described in SSPC-Guide 6:
  • Classes 3A or 4A
  • Classes 1C, 2C or 3C
  • Classes 2P or 3P
  • Classes 2W, 3W, or 4W

What if the contractor does not have a scheduled lead project for SSPC to audit?
An SSPC auditor will visit the contractor’s home office and a job site where lead-based paint or other hazardous coating removal work on an industrial or marine structure is in progress under facility owner contract. No exceptions.

What are the requirements for the lead health and safety program?
A copy of your company’s written Safety and Health Plan for Hazardous Paint Removal work is required in the initial application submittal. At a minimum, the plan should meet the applicable requirements found in 29 CFR 1926.62, as well as relevant OSHA and NIOSH Guidelines and Compliance Directives. A certified industrial hygienist or certified safety professional must review and formally approve your program for industrial painting operations. The upper level management of your company must sign it. It should define the responsibilities of a safety coordinator, who must have a minimum of 40 hours of training in industrial hygiene, or a safety professional with knowledge of hazardous coating removal operations. Since the competent person must be on site at all times to implement all compliance activities, it is not necessary for the safety coordinator to be on site at all times. The safety coordinator, however, must be available for consultation as needed. Note: You must have access to your written Safety and Health Plan for Hazardous Paint Removal work on all applicable job sites.

What is a Competent Person?
A Competent Person is one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, the public, and the environment, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them. NOTE: U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires a competent person on-site during exposure-producing operations.

What training and experience is required of the Competent Person?
The competent person must have completed SSPC C-3 training or equivalent, and have the experience described below. Unless otherwise required by applicable federal standards, an equivalent competent person training program must be approved by at least one of the states or localities which maintains a training program accreditation system applicable to the industrial coating industry.

Competent person experience must include:
  • A minimum of two years industrial painting field experience.
  • Experience in hazardous waste handling procedures relative to projects described in your work history.
  • Experience in relevant safety practices.