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## 1. Scope

- 1.1 This standard establishes a procedure for evaluating the qualifications of contractors whose work involves disturbance of hazardous coatings (e.g., containing lead or other hazardous metals) incidental to demolition or repair work on complex or conventional structures.
- 1.2 This standard establishes two qualification categories for contractors disturbing and containing hazardous paint. The specifying agency shall designate the required qualification category for the contractor based on the type and level of containment and ventilation required.
- 1.3 This standard procedure also establishes minimum requirements for worker health and safety programs and environmental protection programs utilized by the contractor who disturbs hazardous coatings incidental to demolition or repair work.
- 1.4 Contractors qualified under SSPC-QP 2 already meet the requirements of this standard procedure.

## 2. Description

### 2.1 Definitions

**Competent Person:** 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. OSHA requires a competent person on-site during exposure-producing operations.

**Complex Structure:** Complex structures are those constructed of steel or concrete, such as metal producing and rolling mills, bridges, and processing facilities, including chemical and petrochemical processing plants, pulp and paper mills, power plants and substations, and food and beverage plants and terminals.

**Contractor:** A firm that performs general construction (i.e., demolition and repair work) in the industrial and commercial markets.

**Conventional Structures:** Structures such as light manufacturing plants; miscellaneous and ornamental iron work; sign structures; storage tanks; low rise, truss, beam, and column structures. Simple rolled beam bridges may also be covered by the requirements of this standard procedure.

**Evaluating Authority:** A facility owner or authority designated by the facility owner to review contractor submittals, conduct on-site evaluations and report results of the evaluation determining if the contractor is in compliance with the requirements of this procedure.

**Hazardous Coatings:** Coating systems that contain substances (e.g., lead or other hazardous metals) in sufficient concentrations to create an occupational hazard for the worker exposed to or handling the coating waste, or an environmental hazard in the locale where disturbance of the coating is taking place.

**Limited Amounts:** Only the minimum amount of paint that should be removed from localized areas to meet regulations for: flame cutting of existing steel for the purpose of demolition; arc gouging to disconnect existing steel members; welding of new steel members to existing members; welds for the retrofitting of bearings, etc.

**Qualification:** The procedure by which written assurance is given that an applicant conforms to the prescribed set of conditions or requirements of this standard procedure.

**Subcontractor:** For the purposes of this qualification procedure, the term “subcontractor” is interchangeable with the term “contractor” and is defined as the same.