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PEMEX Operator Qualification Pilot Program Continues in 2011

AYUDA, LLC works closely with Corrosión y Protección to Assist PEMEX in Taking a Proactive Stance

(Edmonton, Oklahoma - June 28, 2011) In the Country of Mexico, there is no current requirement for pipeline operators or their contractors to be operator qualified. However, the pipeline industry is anticipating a legislative requirement for Operator Qualification (OQ) in the future. In anticipation of this, Corrosión y Protección Ingeniería, while working for Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX), began the process of establishing an internal qualification process based on the American Petroleum Institute's task list.

A number of contractors were recommended to Corrosión y Protección Ingeniería. AYUDA, LLC was chosen for its ability to marry the response rates needed, as evidenced by the company's arrival in Mexico City within two days of the first phone call to discuss the project. The first meeting took place with AYUDA in June 2009, and they have again been chosen in 2011 to serve as a partner in the ongoing process of the implementation of the Operator Qualification Pilot Program.

The goal of the initial phase of the pilot program was to identify the most common operations covered tasks and establish a task list from which to work. This was accomplished by visiting eight (8) PEMEX pumping, compressor and control centers operations locations to evaluate completion of tasks, to conduct training the operators on the process and to conduct a performance evaluation and included 60 operators in 2009. In 2010, AYUDA participated in the training and performance verification of 300 PEMEX operators (liquids, gas, and control center).

"We could not be more pleased to have been chosen once again to partner with Corrosión y Protección Ingeniería to continue the Operator Qualification Pilot Program," says Melinda Traynor, president and CEO of AYUDA, LLC. "We expect to assist in the training and performance verification of PEMEX operators in 2011."

Diego M. Martinez de la Escalera, Director of Communications at Corrosión y Protección Ingeniería says that “While the project is ongoing, the results continue to be received positively. It wasn’t easy to find a team like AYUDA’s, and I’m sure that’s because there are not many like them out there.”

About AYUDA Assessment, Training, Consulting & OQ, LLC

AYUDA LLC offers a wide variety of pipeline, commercial/industrial construction, heavy equipment and welding inspection, training, assessment, evaluation and practical examination services, including Operator Qualification through National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), Energyworldnet, OQSG, Veriforce and the Midwestern Energy Association. AYUDA provides training and assessment services through the NCCER for the construction industries.

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