



**To:** All Vendors

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**Subj:** Level III NDT Re-Certification Requirement

All Concerned,

This letter is intended to provide clarification for applicable Collins Machine Works (CMW) vendors in regards to the re-certification of level III non-destructive testing examiners. Specifically, CMW requires that on all orders in which NDT to the requirements of technical publication 271 are invoked that the following program requirements are met:

1. Level III's must re-certify by examination every five years in the basic, method, and specific categories.
2. If a level III examiner maintains certification in more than one method the basic exam can be waived.

These requirements come from NAVSEA T9074-AS-GIB-010/271 which states:

*"1.6.4 Recertification. All NDT personnel shall be recertified by examinations that are as comprehensive as those employed in the initial certification, except that the basic examination for NDT Examiners need not be administered as long as a method certification is maintained. Recertification by evidence of continuing satisfactory technical performance, or on the basis of ASNT certifications granted without examination, is not permitted. Nondestructive test personnel, other than Examiners, shall be recertified at intervals not greater than three years. Examiners shall be recertified at intervals not greater than five years. A certification is considered to be expired on the last day of the month in which recertification is due."*

Please note that we consider the certification requirements outlined in NAS-410 to be irrelevant for orders in which technical publication 271 is invoked.

Best Regards,

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