

9 Elements of OQ

A proven framework to help pipeline operators build, manage, and continuously improve their OQ programs—driving safety, compliance, and operational excellence.

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Document Program Plan, Implementing Procedures & Qualification Criteria

Establish a clear roadmap with documented plans, procedures, and qualification criteria.
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Identify Covered Tasks and Related Evaluation Methods

Define tasks that impact safety and integrity and determine them right evaluation methods.


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Identify Individuals Performing Covered Tasks

Identify the individuals who perform covered tasks based on roles and responsibilities.
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Evaluate and Qualify Individuals Performing Covered Tasks

Verify knowledge, skills, and abilities to ensure individuals are qualified.


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Continued/Periodic Evaluation of Individuals Performing Covered Tasks

Reevaluate on a regular basis to ensure ongoing competence and performance.
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Monitor Program Performance; Seek Improvement Opportunities

Track metrics, analyze results, and drive continuous improvement in your OQ program.


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Maintain Program Records

Keep accurate, complete, and accessible records to demonstrate compliance.
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Manage Change

Evaluate and manage changes that could impact tasks, people, or your program.


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Field Verification Inspection

Verify in the field that tasks are performed correctly and in accordance with requirements.

What is a Covered Task?

All four must be met for a task to qualify.

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On a pipeline facility
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O&M task
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Required by 49 CFR 192/195
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Affects operation or integrity



Your OQ program has 9 requirements.
ITS manages all of them.
Let's talk OQ.