



January 21st, 2009

SPECIAL NOTIFICATION FROM NITC ON MEDICAL GAS BRAZER CERTIFICATION

To: All NITC Customers, Contractors, Training Coordinators, Proctors, Instructors and all groups that use NITC for Brazing certification and record keeping:

In an effort to provide continuous improvement in service to our customers, effective January 30th 2009, an employee of a contractor **shall** be present and witness all of the original braze examinations and all continuity update braze performances.

An employee of a contractor means a person that the contractor whose name is placed on the form will attest to is, or was, duly employed and authorized to witness and sign the brazing form.

There can be no exceptions to this provision. To assist you in complying with this requirement, we have produced a new QB 484 form with a signature section which an employee of a contractor shall sign.

What you need to do:

- **Make sure that an employee of a contractor is present during all Brazer examinations and signs in the proper spaces on the form.**
- **Make sure that each continuity form is signed by an employee of a contractor.**
- **You will still be able to update continuities online on the NITC website. There is no change required on your part with the procedures NITC uses for updating continuity forms as it has always been required that the original continuity form must be signed and maintained by a contractor.**

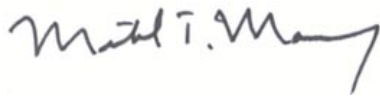
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We will only accept the new QB 484 forms with a contractor signature. This form may be obtained from our offices.

All entities using NITC are to begin complying with these requirements as soon as possible. NITC can assume no liability for brazing examinations and/or continuities that are not conducted in compliance with the above process.

Please contact our office if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael T. Massey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael T. Massey
Executive Vice President