



STI/SPFA PIPE QUALITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Specifying engineers are more frequently demanding that manufacturers be certified through third party audits, to gain assurance that a supplier goes beyond minimum standards to develop a quality operation. The STI/SPFA Pipe Quality Certification is a requirement in many piping bid specifications in the water transmission industry, due to its industry specific focus. "All steel pipe and steel pipe fittings shall be manufactured and fabricated by a certified SPFA (Steel Plate Fabricators Association) facility", is a standard phrase in pipe specifications.

The STI/SPFA audit program is administered through a third party quality assurance organization, and requires rigorous annual inspections and re-certification every three years. The audit evaluates a company's management, organization, QC program, procurement, and engineering, specifically as they relate to the needs of the water transmission industry. The STI/SPFA Pipe Quality Certification denotes outstanding achievement.

Membership in STI/SPFA is encouraged for all Pipe Quality Certification Program Members. To apply for membership in STI/SPFA, click on the following link to download an application form http://www.steeltank.com/library/pubs/stispha_membership_app.pdf.

The initial certification audit by the contractor takes approximately two days to complete. Follow-up inspections during years two and three take approximately one day to complete. Costs for these inspections are payable in advance at the following rates. Additional charges may be billed after the inspection depending upon the auditor's time and travel expenses. An additional cost applies for re-inspection of a facility due to non-compliance findings.

STI/SPFA Member Cost:	Initial: \$5,000	Follow-up: \$3,000
Non-Member Cost:	Initial: \$11,500	Follow-up: \$3,000

To enroll in the STI/SPFA Pipe Quality Certification Program, complete and return this form to the address shown below, along with a check in the amount of \$5,000 for STI/SPFA members, or \$11,500 for non-members. Make check payable to STI/SPFA.

Starting 1-1-09, an annual administrative fee of \$1500 will be imposed on companies with certification who are not participating in the STI/SPFA Pipe Section.

DATE: _____ CONTACT NAME: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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