



Association for Materials Protection & Performance

**AMPP Certification Program Office**

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**Re:** Coatings Inspector Program – Rebrand of NACE and SSPC under AMPP

**To:** Whom it may concern

In January 2021, NACE and SSPC formally merged and collectively became AMPP (Association for Materials Protection and Performance), and all associated programs were subsequently rebranded or consolidated under the new organization.

As part of this transition, the legacy NACE CIP (Coatings Inspector Program) and SSPC PCI (Protective Coatings Inspector) programs were merged under a new AMPP CIP program. The new AMPP CIP program is a consolidation of the strengths of both the CIP and PCI programs and fundamentally remains fully aligned with the legacy programs in every aspect. Cardholders who formerly held an active NACE CIP or SSPC certification were granted a new AMPP certification.

The new AMPP branded certifications are deemed as equivalent to the legacy certifications as listed below:

NACE CIP Level 1 is the same as AMPP Basic Coatings Inspector  
NACE CIP Level 2 is the same as AMPP Certified Coating Inspector  
NACE CIP Level 3 is the same as AMPP Senior Certified Coatings Inspector  
SSPC PCI Level 1 is the same as AMPP Basic Coatings Inspector  
SSPC PCI Level 2 is the same as AMPP Certified Coating Inspector  
SSPC PCI Level 3 is the same as AMPP Senior Certified Coatings Inspector

AMPP recognizes that it will take some time for industry to fully recognize and adopt the new branding. Should you have any questions regarding the validity or equivalency of an AMPP card holder, AMPP would be more than willing to validate any cards or credentials presented by the cardholder.

To validate a candidate's credentials, you may reach out to Keenan Loubser, Senior Director Credentialing or AMPP directly at:

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**Note:** This paragraph is for those concerned about the officialness of the change of NACE CIP to AMPP CIP.

*Legally the former NACE and SSPC organizations were incorporated in the U.S. states of Texas and Pennsylvania, respectively; both organizations were legally dissolved in 2020/2021. Simultaneously, the new AMPP organization was legally formed and incorporated in Washington, D.C. and the programs/assets of the dissolved organizations were transferred to the new AMPP.*

*Finally, though the former NACE and SSPC business entities were legally dissolved, the NACE and SSPC brands remain valid, recognized, and sometimes specified identities, and will continue to be used with some programs within the new AMPP organization. In summary, there is only one legally incorporated organization associated with the coating inspector programs – AMPP. Sometimes, though, AMPP will use the NACE and SSPC names to accommodate previous specifications in industry and governments worldwide that may take time to change.*

Sincerely,

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