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Subject: NQA Interpretation # 20-2111
Applicability: NQA-1, 2008 through 2019 Edition

Dear Mr. Fulghum,

Thank you very much for your inquiry on ASME NQA-1 to the Standards Committee on Nuclear Quality Assurance. After reviewing your submittal, the following is provided in response to our understanding of your question.

Question: Does the term “direct evaluation” as stated in NQA-1 Requirement 7, paragraph 200 (c) restrict the use of real-time, remote observation involving information and communication technology (ICT) to perform a direct evaluation of supplier facilities, personnel, and the implementation of the Supplier’s QAP?

Reply: No, the NQA-1 Standard does not currently address the efficacy of remote observation using ICT to perform a direct evaluation of supplier facilities, personnel, and the implementation of the Supplier’s QAP.

Sincerely,

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