2022 ATS Guidelines Updates

ATS Guidelines:

• Atmos endorsement – Atmos has special requirements for their pipeline operators. More to come on this process. (Section 1.5.0)
• Streamlined accreditation and audit process
  o Self-assessment is now completed as part of the accreditation application
  o Orgs are no longer required to maintain an NCCER specific policies and procedures document
• Secondary Sponsor Representatives now receive training specific to their role (Section 2.2.1)
  o Additional individuals can go through this training and are able to assist with audits of TU locations, evaluating instructors, proctors and performance evaluators etc.
• Streamlined training location process (Section 3.0.0)
  o All training locations will be registered as Training Units (TUs)
    ▪ ATEF and ATU designations will no longer be used
  o MOUs will be required for TU registration and audit (Section 3.1.0)
  o Audits of training locations (existing ATUs, TUs, ATEFs and all future TUs) can be conducted virtually with appropriate documentation and photos (Section 5.3.0)
    ▪ Does not apply to international locations
• Streamlined personnel evaluation process (Section 5.2.0)
  o Evaluations can be conducted virtually via Zoom etc., if needed – appropriate documentation kept on file
• Master Trainer Certification Training has been discontinued (other than for International locations) (Section 2.3.0)
ATS Guidelines:

• Instructor Certification (Section 2.4.0)
  o Provides a more detailed explanation around eligibility requirements and documentation of qualifications
  o Incorporates restricted instructor details into the eligibility section
  o Outlines the process for Sponsor Reps to be certified as Instructors
  o Outlines the certification process for ICTP for craft professionals and ICTP for certified educators
  ▪ In addition to certified instructor eligibility requirements, certified educator requirements include proof of current teaching certification OR proof of three years of documented instruction at the post-secondary level
  ▪ ICTP for certified educators can also be used as an abbreviated ICTP to re-certify NCCER instructors whose certification has expired

• Curriculum Performance Evaluator Certification (Section 2.5.0)
  o Provides a more detailed explanation around eligibility requirements and documentation of qualifications
  o Incorporates restricted curriculum performance evaluator details into the eligibility section
  o Outlines the process for Sponsor Reps to be certified as Curriculum Performance Evaluators