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Contract #: 04-0120F4Cty: SF/ALA Rte: 80 PM: 13.2/13.9File #: 1.28**WELDING INSPECTION REPORT**

Resident Engineer: Casey, William
Address: 333 Burma Road
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Report No: WIR-026331
Date Inspected: 23-Sep-2011

Project Name: SAS Superstructure
Prime Contractor: American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV
Contractor: American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV

OSM Arrival Time: 700
OSM Departure Time: 1530
Location: Job Site

CWI Name:	See Below	CWI Present:	Yes	No
Inspected CWI report:	Yes No N/A	Rod Oven in Use:	Yes No N/A	
Electrode to specification:	Yes No N/A	Weld Procedures Followed:	Yes No N/A	
Qualified Welders:	Yes No N/A	Verified Joint Fit-up:	Yes No N/A	
Approved Drawings:	Yes No N/A	Approved WPS:	Yes No N/A	
		Delayed / Cancelled:	Yes No N/A	
Bridge No:	34-0006	Component:	Tower & OBG	

Summary of Items Observed:

At the start of the shift the Quality Assurance Inspector (QAI) traveled to the SAS project site to observe the work and the inspection performed by American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises (AB/F) personnel. The inspection was performed as noted below:

A). OBG E12

The QAI also observed the Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) of the Lifting Lug Hole insert plate identified as Weld Number (WN): 12E-PP114-E3-W4 on the "A" deck of the Orthotropic Box Girder (OBG) E12. The welder Fred Kaddu ID-2188 performed the welding of the Complete Joint Penetration (CJP) utilizing the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) ABF-WPS-D15-1050A-CU, Rev. 0. The WPS was also utilized by the QC inspector Fred Von Hoff as a reference to monitor the welding and to verify the welding parameters which was recorded as 127 amps by the QC inspector. The 3.2mm Lincoln electrode was utilized with the welding performed in the flat (1G) position with the work placed in an approximately horizontal plane and the weld metal deposited from the upper side. The groove joint appeared to comply with the AWS joint designation identified as B-U4a. The minimum preheat temperature of 20 degrees Celsius and the maximum interpass temperature of 230 degrees Celsius were verified by the QC inspector. The welding performed during this shift was not completed on this date.

B). Review of Tower Shear Plate Tracking

This QAI met with Robert Mertz to review QA tracking records as to the documents submitted by the contractor

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American Bridge/Fluor, JV (AB/F). There appeared to be some inconsistencies regarding the submitting of Request for Welding Repair Approval (RWR) and Quality Control (QC) Ultrasonic Testing (UT) Reports. At the conclusion of the meeting this QAI submitted QA tracking records to Mr. Mertz to aid with his continuing review of the contractor's documents.

This QAI was also contacted by Caltrans (CT) Structures Representatives, Doug Wright, to resume the repair welding and the verbal approvals of the excavations performed by AB/F, JV welding personnel. This directive was issued by CT Structures Representative, Mark Woods.

C). Document Control Review

This QA Inspector continued the daily review of field inspection reports and update of the field document control tracking records regarding the Orthotropic Box Girders (OBG, Longitudinal and Transverse "A" Deck Stiffeners, Deck Access Holes and the Tower Shear plates. The QAI also updated the tracking records for the pipe welds and the pipe supports.

On this date the QAI commence the review of QA tracking documents for the OBG's identified as E3, E4 and E5.

QA Summary

The welding was performed in the vertical position utilizing the E7018-H4R. The 3.2 mm and 4.0 mm H4R electrodes were stored in a electrically heated, thermostatically controlled oven after the removal from the sealed containers. The exposure limits of the electrodes appeared to comply with the minimum storage oven temperature of 120 degrees Celsius as per the contract documents. The welding parameters and surface temperatures were verified by the QC inspector's utilizing a Fluke 337 clamp meter to measure the electrical welding parameters and Tempil Heat Indicators for verifying the preheat and interpass temperatures. At the time of the observation no issues were noted by the QAI.

Summary of Conversations:

There were general conversations with Quality Control Inspector, Mike Johnson, at the start of the shift regarding the location of welding, inspection personnel scheduled for this shift.

Comments

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact Nina Choy (510) 385-5910, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

Inspected By:	Reyes,Danny	Quality Assurance Inspector
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Reviewed By:	Levell,Bill	QA Reviewer
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