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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**City:** Oakland, CA 94607**Report No:** WIR-028435**Date Inspected:** 15-Sep-2012**Project Name:** SAS Superstructure**OSM Arrival Time:** 700**Prime Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV**OSM Departure Time:** 1530**Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV**Location:** Job Site**CWI Name:** As noted 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:** SAS OBG**Summary of Items Observed:**

Quality Assurance Inspector (QA) Douglas Frey was at the American Bridge/Fluor (ABF) job site at Yerba Buena Island in California between the times noted above in order to monitor Quality Control functions and the in process work being performed by ABF personnel. The following items were observed:

**12E PP112-BW3 (Interior)**

This QA Inspector made random observations of ABF/JV qualified welder Jacob Stafford #8020 performing the ongoing (SMAW) process in the 3G vertical position utilizing E7018-H4R electrodes on the beam web located at 12E PP112-BW3 on the interior of the OBG. QC Inspector Bernie Docena verified the temperature and recorded the parameters as acceptable and within the requirements of ABF-WPS-D1.5-1040A-CU-Revision 2. The welder was observed welding the height of the joint followed by grinding and blending of the work utilizing a small disc grinder. On a subsequent observation, this QA Inspector noted that the welding was performed in the 3G vertical position utilizing the E7018-H4R low hydrogen electrodes. The 3.2mm electrodes were stored in electrically heated, thermostatically controlled oven after 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 Tempilstik Heat Indicators for verifying the preheat and inter-pass temperatures. At the time of the observation no issues were noted by the QA. On subsequent observations throughout the shift to monitor quality, it was noted that the work was in progress and appeared to be in general conformance with the contract documents.

**12E PP111.5-BW3 (Interior)**

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This QA Inspector made random observations of ABF/JV qualified welder Deli Zhang #4735 performing the SMAW process in the 3G vertical position utilizing E7018-H4R electrodes on the beam web located at 12E PP111. 5-BW3 on the interior of the OBG. QC Inspector Bernie Docena verified the temperature and recorded the parameters as acceptable and within the requirements of ABF-WPS-D1.5-1040A-CU-Revision 2. The welder was observed welding the height of the joint followed by grinding and blending of the work utilizing a small disc grinder. On a subsequent observation, this QA Inspector noted that the welding was performed in the 3G vertical position utilizing the E7018-H4R low hydrogen electrodes. The 3.2mm electrodes were stored in electrically heated, thermostatically controlled oven after 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 Tempilstik Heat Indicators for verifying the preheat and inter-pass temperatures. At the time of the observation no issues were noted by the QA. On subsequent observations throughout the shift to monitor quality, it was noted that the work was in progress and appeared to be in general conformance with the contract documents.

### 13E-E2.1 (Interior)

This QA Inspector randomly observed the excavation operations of Ultrasonic rejectable indications on the Complete Joint Penetration (CJP) joint at 13E-E2.1 on the interior of the OBG. This QA Inspector observed ABF/JV qualified welder Mike Jimenez #4671 performing the Carbon Arc Gouging (CAG) method to remove metal from the material. The welder was observed cleaning up the excavations utilizing a small disc grinder and a de-burring drill. Upon completion of the excavation, Quality Control (QC) Inspector Bernie Docena performed a Magnetic Particle Inspection (MT) of the site to determine soundness of the metal and observed no indications, QC then measured the dimensions of the excavations for length, width and depth. This QA Inspector recorded the dimensions of the excavations as:

Y=2575mm; 70mm in length, 30mm wide and 12mm deep.

Prior to welding, QC Inspector Bernie Docena was observed monitoring and measuring the pre-heat temperatures and parameters as they pertain to ABF-WPS-D1.5-1002-Repair-Revision 0. This QA Inspector made random observations of SMAW in the 4G overhead position and noted no issues with the work at this location and at the time of this repair, no RWR was required for this first time weld repair. This QA Inspector made subsequent observations throughout the shift to monitor quality and it was noted that the E7018-H4R electrodes were stored properly in a sealed container after being opened and they were drawing amperage of 136. The welder was observed continuing the in process repair welding and this QA Inspector noted that no issues were present at this location. QC Inspector Bernie Docena was also present to monitor the welding and the parameters in the later stages of the shift. This QA Inspector noted that the work at this location was completed on this date and appeared to be in general conformance with the contract specifications.

### **Summary of Conversations:**

Conversation with Quality Control Inspector Salvador Merino on welder locations and required testing for the shift.

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## 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 Gary Thomas 916-764-6027 , who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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