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QUALITY CONTROL OF GAS INSTALLATIONS, THE FRENCH APPROACH

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Abstract:

The quality and safety of customers' gas installations, is a global issue all over Europe.

In France, the gas industry has opted to set a specific independent body which is duly accredited (ISO 17020) and delegated by the public authorities to perform the statutory inspections: Qualigaz.

Ever since 1990, Qualigaz is in charge of the quality and safety checks of customer's gas installations which are legally required before commissioning a new installation or after revamping works.

The inspection system is a mix of actual checks on site, verification of the installers' competence and registration of the installation company.

The legal background and the practical inspection system will be presented in the paper.

Recent developments for in-service inspection will also be discussed.