

# We Are Not Alone

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I'm not sure there are flying saucers and aliens out there, nor do I wish to try to convince you of their existence. Rather the title of this edition of "Just the Facts" is intended to remind each of us that beyond the applicable AWS standards for each contract we work on, there are

almost certainly direct or indirect references to the standards or publications of other organizations. The applicable organizations may vary with each contract.

The following list provides contact information for organizations that are related to our work and whose standards

may at times be a required part of our welding contract activities. You may find it helpful to copy this chart and keep it handy for ready reference when the need arises to contact one of them for information or publications required to fully complete a contract safely and successfully.

## Sources of Standards of Interest to the Welding Industry

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)  
444 N. Capitol St. NW, Suite 249  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 624-5800  
[www.transportation.org](http://www.transportation.org)

American Bureau of Shipping  
16855 Northchase Dr.  
Houston, TX 77060  
(281) 877-6000  
[www.eagle.org](http://www.eagle.org)

American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC)  
One East Wacker Dr., Suite 3100  
Chicago, IL 60601  
(312) 670-2400  
[www.aisc.org](http://www.aisc.org)

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)  
1819 L St. NW, Sixth Floor  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 293-8020  
[www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org)

American Petroleum Institute (API)  
1220 L St. NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 682-8000  
[www.api.org](http://www.api.org)

American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association (AREMA)  
8201 Corporate Dr., Suite 1125  
Landover, MD 20785-2230  
(301) 459-3200  
[www.arema.org](http://www.arema.org)

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) International  
Three Park Ave.  
New York, NY 10016-5990  
(800) 843-2763  
[www.asme.org](http://www.asme.org)

American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT)  
1711 Arlingate Lane  
P.O. Box 28518  
Columbus, OH 43228-0518  
(800) 222-2768  
[www.asnt.org](http://www.asnt.org)

American Society for Quality (ASQ)  
P.O. Box 3055  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-3055  
(800) 248-1946  
[www.asq.org](http://www.asq.org)

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM International)  
100 Barr Harbor Dr.  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959  
(610) 832-9585  
[www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org)

American Water Works Association (AWWA)  
6666 W. Quincy Ave.  
Denver, CO 80235  
(303) 794-7711  
[www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org)

American Welding Society (AWS)  
550 NW LeJeune Rd.  
Miami, FL 33126  
(305) 443-9353  
[www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org)

Association of American Railroads (AAR)  
50 F St. NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 639-2100  
[www.aar.org](http://www.aar.org)

Compressed Gas Association (CGA)  
1235 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Suite 104  
Arlington, VA 22202-4012  
(703) 788-2700  
[www.cganet.com](http://www.cganet.com)

CSA International  
178 Rexdale Blvd.  
Toronto, ON, Canada M9W 1R3  
(866) 797-4272  
[www.csa-international.org](http://www.csa-international.org)

European Committee for Standardization (CEN)  
36 Rue de Stassart  
B-1050 Brussels, Belgium  
32 2 550 0811  
[www.cenorm.be](http://www.cenorm.be)

International Institute of Welding  
Z1 Paris Nord 2  
BP 50362  
F95942 Roissy CDG Cedex, France  
33 (0)1 49 90 36 08  
[www.iiw-iis.org](http://www.iiw-iis.org)

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)  
1, Rue de Varembe, Case postale 56  
CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland  
41 22 749 01 11  
[www.iso.ch](http://www.iso.ch)

National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors (NBBI)  
1055 Crupper Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43229  
(614) 888-8320  
[www.nationalboard.org](http://www.nationalboard.org)

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)  
1 Batterymarch Park  
Quincy, MA 02169-7471  
(617) 770-3000  
[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

Pipe Fabrication Institute (PFI)  
666 Fifth Ave., Suite 325  
New York, NY 10103  
(514) 634-3434  
[www.pfi-institute.org](http://www.pfi-institute.org)

Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)  
SAE World Headquarters  
400 Commonwealth Dr.  
Warrendale, PA 15096-0001  
(724) 776-4841  
[www.sae.org](http://www.sae.org)

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.  
333 Pfingsten Rd.  
Northbrook, IL 60062  
(312) 272-8800  
[www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com)

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