Alloy Manufacturer Perspective Special Metals/PCC Forged Products

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- ASME Section 1 Code Case 2702 Covering the Following Wrought Product Forms:
 - Seamless Pipe and Tube
 - Rod
 - Forgings
 - Fittings
 - Sheet and Plate
- ASME B31.1 Piping Code Case 190
 - Same Rules as in Code Case 2702





















- Cost Considerations
 - Intrinsic metals value (minor contributor within the wrought nickelbase superalloy category)
 - Manufacturing route
 - Process yield
 - Alloy and product form dependent
 - Affected by operations such as end cropping, intermediate grinding, billet trepanning, etc.
 - Product configuration considerations
 - Small OD tubing, very thin sheets, requiring multiple annealing and cold working sessions
 - OD/wall ratios at either extreme can impose more costly manufacturing routes
 - Ordered quantities
 - Modest quantities may also dictate more costly manufacturing routes









Production challenges

- Development of capability to produce the required range of fittings, valves and other hardware required for plant installations.
- Fielding the range of product configurations and quantities required for complex plant installations.
- Development of largesection forged product capability in an agehardenable superalloy



















INCONEL® alloy 740H® • Production challenges

- Completion of large plant-scale projects
 - Myriad range of components required
 - Additional welding sequence allowances may be needed long-term in code case for flexibility in fabrication of needed large-scale components
 - Welding in solution annealed condition
 - Allowance for solution annealing after welding











- Information Needed from OEMs/Designers/Fabricators
 - Knowledge of specific material requirements can be slow to 'trickle down' from fabricators after projects are initiated; material manufacturer needs to see the 'big picture' to produce in the most efficient manner possible
 - Numerous subordinate component fabricators may be involved, and may need guidance/educating regarding material forming characteristics; up-front identification of these subordinate fabricators is needed







