AWS D1.1 Interpretation

Subject: Condition of Adjacent Weld Areas
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Inquiry: Except for girders in cyclically loaded structures, is it required that all surfaces to be welded, and surfaces adjacent to a weld, be free of the foreign material described in 5.15 of D1.1-96, even if they would not prevent proper welding?

Response: No, provided the quality requirements for the welded connections were met.