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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This Practice provides minimum requirements for analyzing the flexibility of aboveground metallic piping systems.

1.2 Scope

This Practice describes the piping flexibility analysis parameters and applications, and documentation requirements.

2. References

Applicable parts of the following Practices and industry codes and standards shall be considered an integral part of this Practice. The edition in effect on the date of contract award shall be used, except as otherwise noted. Short titles will be used herein where appropriate.

2.1 Process Industry Practices (PIP)

- PIP PNFS0001 - *Miscellaneous Pipe Support Details*
- PIP RESE002 - *Allowable Piping Loads on Rotating Machinery Nozzles*

2.2 Industry Codes and Standards

- American Petroleum Institute (API)
  - API 618 - *Reciprocating Compressors for Petroleum, Chemical, and Gas Industry Services*
  - API 661 - *Air-Cooled Heat Exchangers for General Refinery Services*
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
  - ASCE 7 - *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
  - ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code
    - Section VIII - *Pressure Vessels*
  - ASME B31.1 - *Power Piping*
  - ASME B31.3 - *Process Piping*
- Welding Research Council (WRC)
  - WRC 107 (see WRC 537)
  - WRC 537 - *Precision equations and enhanced diagrams for local stresses in spherical and cylindrical shells due to external loadings for implementation of WRC Bulletin 107*
  - WRC 297 - *Local Stresses in Cylindrical Shells Due to External Loadings on Nozzles - Supplement to WRC 107*