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AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD A10.35 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESSURE TESTING STEEL AND COPPER PIPING SYSTEMS

1. Scope, Purpose and Exceptions

1.1 Scope

This standard establishes the elements and activities for the safe pressure testing of steel and copper piping systems.

1.2 Purpose

The primary purpose of this standard is to provide construction companies that are engaged in the installation, modification, or repair of steel and/or copper piping systems with the safe work practices and procedures that are necessary to help prevent injuries resulting from pressure testing failures.

1.3 Exceptions

1.3.1 This standard does not apply to piping systems made from cast iron, fiberglass, plastic, PVC, CPVC or any materials other than steel and copper.

1.3.2 In cases of practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships or new developments, the construction owner or project constructor may grant exceptions to literal requirements of this standard. These exceptions may permit use of other methods, but only when it is clearly indicated and documented that the chosen alternative method(s) provides adequate workplace safety and health protection.

1.3.3 This standard is not intended for residential construction.

2. References

The most current versions of the following ASME codes and one ANSI/ASSP standard are referenced in this standard.

ASME B31.1, *Power Piping* (piping in power stations)

ASME B31.3, *Process Piping* (industrial processes, i.e., petrochemical, fuels, etc.)

ASME B31.5, *Refrigeration Piping and Heat Transfer Components*

ASME B31.9, *Building Services Piping*

ASME Article 501 – For more information about energy generated by pneumatic pressure, refer to the five pages from ASME Article 501, *Pressure and Tightness Testing of Piping and Equipment* – ASME PCC-2-2018, *Repair of Pressure Equipment and Piping*, in Appendix G

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3. Definitions

Affected Worker. Any worker or supervisor who will be actively participating in a pressure testing operation or any other worker who is not at least the safe distance away from all applicable parts of the pressure test as specified in Appendix G.

Building Services Piping. Piping systems designed for industrial, institutional, commercial, and public buildings, and multi-unit residences, which do not require the range of sizes, pressures and temperatures required in power piping applications.