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FRP TASK GROUP

AGENDA

Meeting of April 18th, 2022
Zoom Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**
   1:15 PM Eastern Time

2. **Introduction of Members and Visitors**

3. **Announcements**

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

5. **Approval of the Minutes of April 2021 and October 2021 Meeting**

   The minutes can be found on the National Board website:
   https://www.nationalboard.org/Index.aspx?pageID=13&ID=18

6. **Review of Rosters**
   - **a.** Membership Nominations
     - **i.** None
   - **b.** Membership Reappointments
     - **i.** The following members' terms are set to end prior to the next meeting: Mr. Bernie Shelley, Mr. Francis Brown, Mr. Juan Bustillos, Mr. Terry Cowley, Mr. Doug Eisberg, Mr. Michael Gorman, and Ms. Debra McCauley.
   - **c.** Officer nominations
     - **i.** Mr. Shelley's term as Chair is set to end on August 30, 2022.

7. **Action Items**

Item Number: NB11-1901	**NBIC Location: Part 1**	**Attachment Page 1**
General Description: Add guidance for the safe installation of high pressure composite pressure vessels operating in close proximity to the public **Subgroup:** FRP **Task Group:** R. Smith (PM), J. Eihusen, N. Newhouse **October 2021 Meeting Discussion**: A quick update on item progress and ballot progress was provided. **Update:** This item is currently being balloted to Main Committee for approval.		

Item Number: NB16-1402	**NBIC Location: Part 2**	**No Attachment**
General Description: Life extension for high pressure vessels above 20 years **Subgroup:** FRP **Task Group:** M. Gorman (PM), N. Newhouse, J. Eihusen **October Meeting Discussion**: Mr. Newhouse gave an update on behalf of Mr. Gorman. ASME has an item open on this subject (life extension of carbon to 40 and glass to 30), and the new proposal for NB16-1402 will be rewritten to be in line with the ASME proposal to provide inspection guidelines for the new life extension numbers. Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Eihusen, and Mr. Gorman will continue to work on the proposal for this item.		

8. Additional Business

From previous meeting:

- Mr. Shelley asked Mr. Brown to investigate Supplements 4 and 10 in Part 2 to make sure that the inspector references only refer to the R stamp inspector.
- Investigation of Part 2, S4.8.2 to see if "original cutout sample" can be removed from the section.

9. Future Meetings

July 11-14, 2022 – NBIC Meeting in Indianapolis, IN
October 2022 – Virtual Meeting for FRP Task Group

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Ellis
Secretary

NB11-1901

SUPPLEMENT X
INSTALLATION OF HIGH PRESSURE COMPOSITE PRESSURE VESSELS

SX.1 SCOPE

This supplement provides requirements for the installation of high-pressure composite pressure vessels. This supplement is applicable to pressure vessels with an MAWP not exceeding 15,000 psi, and is applicable to the following classes of vessels:

a) Metallic vessel with a Fiber Reinforced Plastic FRP) hoop wrap over the shell part of the vessel both load sharing)

b) Metallic vessel with a full FRP wrap (both load sharing)

c) FRP vessel with a non-load sharing metallic liner

d) FRP vessel with a non-load sharing non-metallic liner

SX.2 SUPPORTS

Design of supports, foundations, and settings shall consider the dead loads, live loads, wind, and seismic loads. Vibration and thermal expansion shall also be considered. The design of supports, foundations, and settings shall be in accordance with ASCE/SEI 7, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*. The importance factors used in calculating the seismic and wind loads shall be the

highest value specified for any category in ASCE/SEI 7.

SX.3 CLEARANCES

The pressure vessel installation shall allow sufficient clearance for normal operation, maintenance, and inspection. Stacking of pressure vessels is permitted. The minimum clear space between pressure vessels shall be 1 ft. vertical and 2 ft. horizontal. Vessel nameplates shall be visible after installation for inspection. The location of vessels containing flammable compressed natural gas fluids shall comply with NFPA 52. The location of vessels containing hydrogen or other flammable fluids shall comply with NFPA 2. The vessel owner shall document the vessel pressure and pipe diameters used as a basis for compliance with NFPA 2 location requirements.

SX.4 PIPING LOADS

Piping loads on vessel nozzles shall be determined by a formal flexibility analysis per ASME B31.12: paragraph IP-6.1.5(b). The piping loads shall not exceed the maximum nozzle loads defined by the vessel manufacturer.

SX.5 MECHANICAL CONNECTIONS

Mechanical connections shall comply with pressure vessel manufacturer's instructions, and with requirements of the Jurisdiction. Connections to threaded nozzles shall have primary and secondary seals. The seal design shall include a method for detecting a leak in the primary seal. Seal functionality shall be demonstrated at the initial pressurization of the vessel.

SX.6 PRESSURE INDICATING DEVICES

Each pressure vessel shall be equipped with a pressure gage mounted on the vessel. The dial range shall be from 0 psi to not less than 1.25 times the vessel MAWP. The pressure gage shall have an opening not to exceed 0.0550in (1.4mm) (No. 54 drill size) at the inlet connection. In addition, vessel pressure shall be monitored by a suitable remote pressure indicating device with alarm having an indicating range of 0 psi to not less than 1.25 times the vessel MAWP.

SX.7 PRESSURE RELIEF DEVICES

Each pressure vessel shall be protected by pressure relief devices per the following requirements:

a) Pressure relief devices shall be suitable for the intended service.

b) Pressure relief devices shall be manufactured in accordance with a national or international standard and certified for capacity (or resistance to flow for rupture disk devices) by the National Board.

c) Dead weight or weighted lever pressure relief valves are prohibited.

d) Pressure relief valves shall not be fitted with lifting devices.

e) The pressure relief device shall be installed directly on the pressure vessel with no isolation valves between the vessel and the pressure relief device except:

1) When these isolation valves are so constructed or positively controlled below the minimum required capacity, that closing the maximum number of valves at one time will not reduce the pressure relieving capacity, or

2) Upon specific acceptance of the Jurisdiction, an isolation valve between vessel and its pressure relief device may be provided for vessel inspection and repair only. The isolation valve shall be arranged so it can be locked or sealed open.

f) The discharge from pressure relief device(s) shall be directed upward to prevent any impingement of escaping fluid upon the vessel, adjacent vessels, adjacent structures, or personnel. The discharge must be to outdoors, not under any structure or roof that might permit formation of a "cloud". The pressure relief device(s) discharge piping shall be designed so that it cannot become plugged by animals, insects, rainwater, or other materials.

g) When a single pressure relieving device is used, it shall be set to operate at a pressure not exceeding the MAWP of the vessel. When the required capacity is provided in more than one pressure relieving device, only one device need be set at or below the MAWP, and the additional device(s) may be set to open at higher pressures but in no case at a pressure higher than 105% of the MAWP. The requirements of RR-130 of ASME Section X shall also apply.

h) The pressure relief device(s) shall have sufficient capacity to ensure the pressure vessel does not exceed the MAWP of that specified in the original code of construction.

i) The owner shall document the basis for selection of the pressure relief device(s) used, including capacity.

j) The owner shall have such analysis available for review by the Jurisdiction.

k) Pressure relief devices and discharge piping shall be supported so that reaction forces are not transmitted to the vessel.

l) Heat detection system: a heat activated system shall be provided so that vessel contents will be vented per f) (above), if any part of the vessel is exposed to a temperature greater than 220°F.

m) Positive methods shall be incorporated to prevent overfilling of the vessel.

SX.8 ASSESSMENT OF INSTALLATION

a) Isolation valve(s) shall be installed directly on each vessel, but not between the vessel and the pressure relief device except as noted in 3.7, e), above.

b) Vessels shall not be buried.

c) Vessels may be installed in a vault subject to a hazard analysis, verified by the manufacturer, owner, user, qualified engineer, or the Jurisdiction, to include as a minimum the following:

1) Ventilation

2) Inlet and outlet openings

3) Access to vessels

4) Clearances

5) Intrusion of ground water

6) Designed for cover loads

7) Explosion control

8) Ignition sources

9) Noncombustible construction

10) Remote monitoring for leaks, smoke, and fire

11) Remote controlled isolation valves

d) Fire and heat detection/suppression provisions shall comply with the requirements of the Jurisdiction and, as a minimum, include relief scenarios in the event of a fire or impending overpressure from heat sources.

e) Installation locations shall provide the following:

1) Guard posts shall be provided to protect the vessels from vehicular damage per NFPA 2 or NFPA 52, as appropriate. Protection from wind, seismic events shall be provided.

2) Supports and barriers shall be constructed of non-combustible materials.

3) Vessels shall be protected from degradation due to direct sunlight.

4) Access to vessels shall be limited to authorized personnel.

5) Any fence surrounding the vessels shall be provided with a minimum of two gates. The gates shall open outward, and shall be capable of being opened from the inside without a key.

6) Access for initial and periodic visual inspection and NDE of vessels, supports, piping, pressure gages or devices, relief devices and related piping, and other associated equipment.

7) Completed installations shall be validated as required by the Jurisdiction as addressing all of the above, and any requirements of the Jurisdiction, prior to first use. This verification shall be posted in a conspicuous location near the vessel and, when required, on file with the

Jurisdiction. Certificates shall be updated as required by mandated subsequent inspections.

8) Piping installation shall comply with ASME B31.12, NFPA 52, or NFPA 2.

9) The vessels shall be electrically bonded and grounded per NFPA 55.

SX.9 LADDERS AND RUNWAYS

See NBIC Part 1, Section 1.6.4 *Ladders and Runways*