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## 1. Scope

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This Practice provides engineering guidance for the selection, design, and application of flow measurement systems.

This Practice provides guidelines, performance considerations, and preliminary recommendations for the selection of flow meters and their general application. This guideline applies to devices used to measure the flow of single phase, homogeneous liquids, vapors, and gases.

This Practice presents commonly accepted meter types but does not limit application choices. Unique or special requirements may require consideration of other meter types.

Specific custody transfer guidelines are not provided and are only mentioned with reference to other industry practices.

## 2. References

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Applicable parts of the following Practices, industry codes and standards, and other references 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 are used herein where appropriate.

### 2.1 Process Industry Practices (PIP)

- PIP PCCFL001 - *Flow Measurement Design Criteria*

### 2.2 Industry Codes and Standards

- American Gas Association
  - AGA Report #8
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
  - ANSI-2530/API-14.3/AGA-3/GPA-8185 - *Natural Gas Fluids Measurement - Concentric, Square-Edged Orifice Meters*  
Part 2 - Specification and Installation Requirements
- American Petroleum Institute (API)
  - *API Manual of Petroleum Measurement Standards (MPMS)*  
Chapter 5 - Metering  
Chapter 14 - Natural Gas Fluids Measurement
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

### 2.3 Other References

- Miller, R.W., *Flow Measurement Engineering Handbook, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*
- Spitzer, D.W., *Flow Measurement - Practical Guides for Measurement and Control, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*, ISA
- ASME - *Fluid Meters, Their Theory and Application*, H. S. Bean, Ed., ASME, 1971