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Positive Material Identification Specification

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VESPMI01-F - Positive Material Identification Report

1. Scope

This Practice provides the minimum Positive Material Identification (PMI) requirements to ensure that only the alloy materials specified in the contract documents are provided in equipment, equipment internals, piping and piping components, and weld consumables.

2. References

Applicable parts of the following 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 are used herein where appropriate.

Industry Codes and Standards

- American Petroleum Institute (API)
 - API RP 578 - *Material Verification Program (MVP) for New and Existing Assets*
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
 - ASME *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*
 - Section II – Materials
 - Part A – Ferrous Material Specifications (2 Volumes)
 - Part B – Nonferrous Material Specifications
 - Part C – Specifications for Welding Rods, Electrodes, and Filler Metals
- ASTM International (ASTM)
 - ASTM A751 - *Standard Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products*
- Pipe Fabrication Institute (PFI)
 - PFI Standard ES-22 - *Recommended Practice for Color Coding of Piping Materials*

3. Definitions

alloy material: Non-ferrous metallic material and ferrous metallic materials containing intentionally added alloying elements (other than carbon)

equipment: Pressure vessels, tanks, heat exchangers, heaters, drums, rotating machinery internals, piping and piping components, etc.

heat: The amount of a given material produced from a single finishing furnace melt and therefore has consistent chemical and physical properties

hold point: A mandatory verification point beyond which work shall not proceed without approval and release by the designated authority.