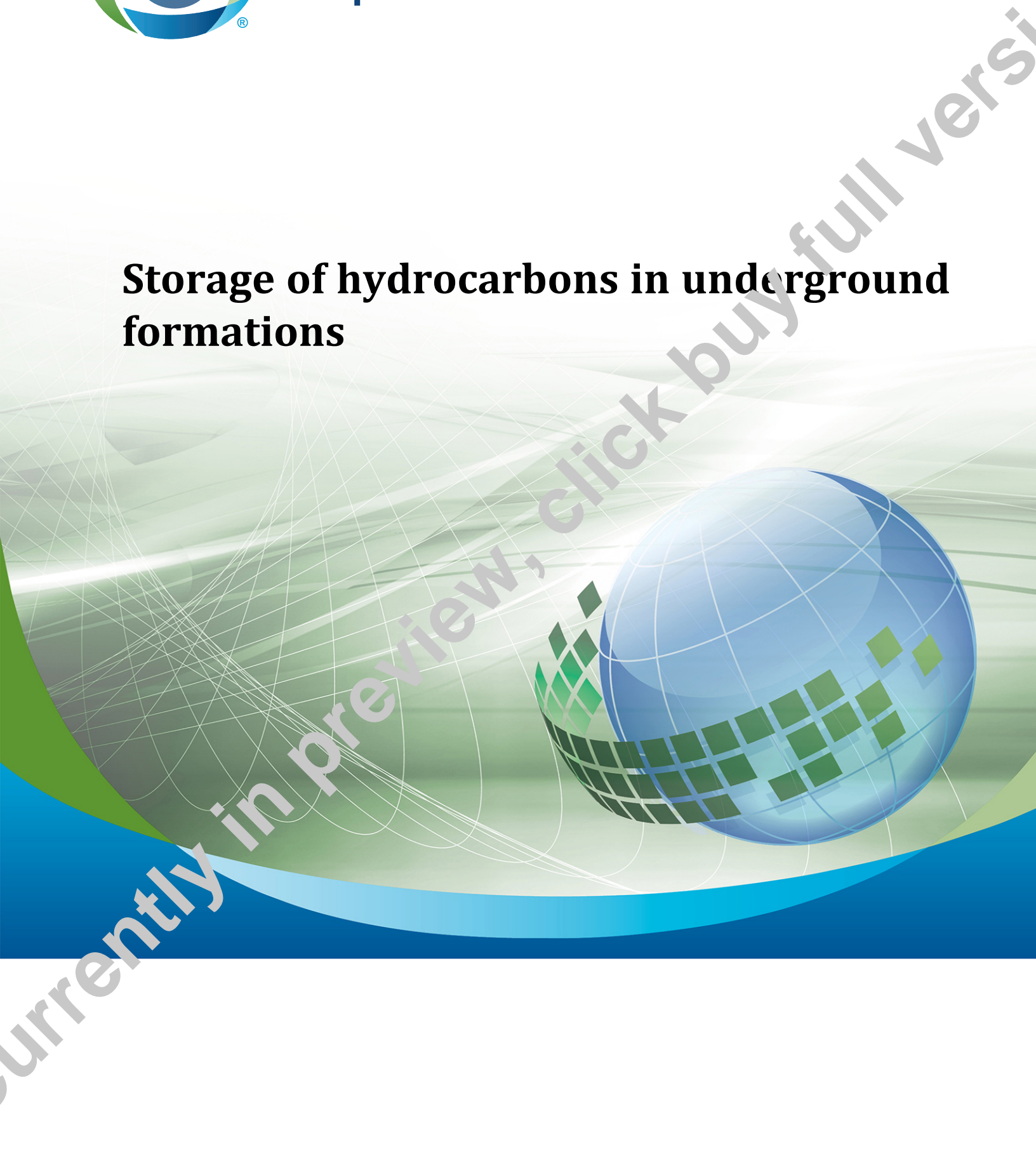




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# Preface

This is the fifth edition of CSA Z341 Series, *Storage of hydrocarbons in underground formations*, which consists of CSA Z341.1, *Reservoir storage*, CSA Z341.2, *Salt cavern storage*, and CSA Z341.4, *Salt cavern waste disposal*. It supersedes the previous editions published in 2014, 2010, 2006, and 2002. It also replaces CSA Z341, published as a single Standard in 1998 and 1993.

This Series of Standards covers the storage of hydrocarbons and wastes from hydrocarbon production in naturally formed geological reservoirs and solution-mined salt caverns. This Series is intended to establish essential requirements and minimum standards for the design, construction, operation, maintenance, abandonment, and safety of underground storage systems. Users are reminded that this Series is not a design handbook; it is necessary to exercise competent engineering judgment in conjunction with its use.

Major revisions to this edition are found as follows:

- a) CSA Z341 Series:
  - i) All three standards have been reordered to more closely reflect the order in which underground storage projects are executed:
    - 1) Clause 4, Location of underground storage facilities was previously Clause 6;
    - 2) Clause 5, Design and development was previously Clause 7;
    - 3) Clause 6, Materials was previously Clause 4;
    - 4) Clause 7, Well completion and conversion was previously Clause 5;
    - 5) Clause 8, Surface facilities was previously Clause 9; and
    - 6) Clause 9, Development and construction was previously Clause 8;
  - ii) Annex A (updates reflecting changes to the clauses above);
  - iii) Clause 3 (casing accessories);
  - iv) Clauses 3 and 7.4.11 (cement integrity log);
  - v) Clause 7.2.3 (core handling);
  - vi) Clause 7.3.7 (number of casings);
  - vii) Clauses 7.4.2 and 7.4.6 (salt-saturated preflushes);
  - viii) Clause 7.4.3 (cement compressive strengths); and
  - ix) Clause 10.3.3 (surface pipe monitoring).
- b) CSA Z341.1:
  - i) Clause [A.13.16](#) site restoration (removed).
- c) CSA Z341.2:
  - i) Clause [3](#) (cavern system);
  - ii) Clause [8.3](#) (emergency shutdown valve pressure rating);
  - iii) Clauses [9.3.2](#) and [10.2.5.1](#) (mechanical integrity tests);
  - iv) Clauses [9.3.2](#), [10.2.5.3](#), and [C.3.1](#) (digital pressure measurement);
  - v) Clauses [9.4.2](#) and [10.3.2](#) (cathodic protection);
  - vi) Clauses [10.2.5](#), [10.2.6](#), and [10.2.7](#) were reordered;
  - vii) Clause [13](#) (plugging, abandonment and site restoration);
  - viii) Clause [13.3](#) site restoration (removed);
  - ix) Annex (updates reflecting clauses above); and
  - x) Clause [C.6](#) (interpreting mechanical integrity test results).
- d) CSA Z341.4:
  - i) Clause [3](#) (cavern system);
  - ii) Clause [8.3](#) (emergency shutdown valve pressure rating);

- iii) Brine pressure testing has been removed;
- iv) Clauses 9.3.2 and 10.2.5 (mechanical integrity tests);
- v) Clauses 9.3.2, 10.2.5 and C.3.1 (digital pressure measurement);
- vi) Clauses 9.3.2 and 10.3.2 (cathodic protection);
- vii) Clauses 10.2.5, 10.2.6 and 10.2.7 were reordered;
- viii) Clause 13 (plugging, abandonment and site restoration);
- ix) Clause 13.3 site restoration (removed);
- x) Annex A (updates reflecting clauses above); and
- xi) Clause C.6 (interpreting mechanical integrity test results).

Annex A in each Standard provides commentary that complements and clarifies the clauses of CSA Z341.1, CSA Z341.2, and CSA Z341.4.

The requirements of this Series are adequate under conditions normally encountered in the storage industry. Requirements for abnormal or unusual conditions are not specifically addressed, and complete details of engineering and construction are not provided. It is intended that all work performed within the scope of this Series will meet or exceed the safety standards expressed or implied in the Series. It is possible that changes will have to be made based on new experience or technology, or both. When necessary, amendments will be issued by CSA.

This Series of Standards was prepared by the Technical Committee on Storage in Underground Formations, under the jurisdiction of the Strategic Steering Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry Systems, and has been formally approved by the Technical Committee.

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- 1) *Use of the singular does not exclude the plural (and vice versa) when the sense allows.*
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## *Reservoir storage*

### 1 Scope

#### 1.1

This Standard sets out minimum requirements for the design, construction, operation, maintenance, abandonment, and safety of hydrocarbon storage in underground reservoir formations and associated equipment. The equipment considered includes

- a) storage wellhead and Christmas tree assemblies;
- b) wells and subsurface equipment; and
- c) safety equipment, including monitoring, control, and emergency shutdown systems.

**Note:** *Hydrocarbons covered by this Standard are restricted to natural gas.*

#### 1.2

The scope of this Standard is shown in Figure 1.

#### 1.3

This Standard does not apply to

- a) underground storage facilities for gases or fluids other than hydrocarbons, such as storage facilities used for air storage, unless these fluids are used specifically for the displacement of stored hydrocarbons;
- b) underground storage facilities used for storing substances other than hydrocarbons, such as reaction chambers and waste disposal facilities;
- c) underground storage in overburden materials involving the use of tanks, such as gasoline tanks;
- d) design and fabrication of pressure vessels that are covered by pressure vessel codes;
- e) heat exchangers, pumps, compressors, and piping in processing plant facilities, manufacturing plants, or industrial plants that are covered by appropriate codes;
- f) gathering lines, flow lines, metering, compressors, and associated surface equipment beyond the first emergency shutdown valve (ESV) or block valve; and
- g) storage of hydrocarbons containing hydrogen sulphide in concentrations greater than 10 mol/kmol.

#### 1.4

It is not the intent of this Standard to prevent the development of new equipment or practices, nor to prescribe how such innovations should be handled.

#### 1.5

Where the requirements of this Standard differ from the requirements of other standards or codes referenced herein, the requirements of this Standard take precedence.

#### 1.6

The requirements of this Standard do not apply retroactively to existing installations and installations under construction at the time of publication, but they do apply to the extension, replacement, maintenance, and upgrading of such installations.

## 1.7

In this Standard, “shall” is used to express a requirement, i.e., a provision that the user is obliged to satisfy in order to comply with the standard; “should” is used to express a recommendation or that which is advised but not required; and “may” is used to express an option or that which is permissible within the limits of the Standard.

Notes accompanying clauses do not include requirements or alternative requirements; the purpose of a note accompanying a clause is to separate from the text explanatory or informative material.

Notes to tables and figures are considered part of the table or figure and may be written as requirements.

Annexes are designated normative (mandatory) or informative (non-mandatory) to define their application.

## 2 Reference publications

This Standard refers to the following publications, and where such reference is made, it shall be to the edition listed below, including all amendments published thereto. Some reference publications are supplemented or qualified, or both, by specific requirements noted in this Standard; reference publications should therefore be applied in the context of this Standard.

### **CSA Group**

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*Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*

CAN/CSA-Z662-15

*Oil and gas pipeline systems*

Z731-03 (R2014)

*Emergency preparedness and response*

### **API (American Petroleum Institute)**

RP 5B1-1999 (R2015), ADD 1-2004

*Gauging and Inspection of Casing, Tubing, and Line Pipe Threads*

RP 5C1-1999 (R2015)

*Recommended Practice for Care and Use of Casing and Tubing*

Bulletin 5C2 (1999-withdrawn)

*Performance Properties of Casing, Tubing, and Drill Pipe*

ANSI/API Specification 6A-2010

*Specification for Wellhead and Christmas Tree Equipment*

ANSI/API Specification 6D-2014

*Specification for Pipeline and Piping Valves*

ANSI/API RP 14B-2015

*Design, Installation, Operation, Test, and Redress of Subsurface Safety Valve Systems*