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## 1. Scope

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This Practice provides general guidelines for the format and content of Process Flow Diagrams (PFDs) for process and utility systems.

This Practice covers the development of new PFDs and does not apply to existing PFDs developed before the adoption of this Practice.

The Practice applies to all diagrams that fit the definition of a PFD in Section 3.

This Practice can be applied to any CAD system used for developing PFDs and is not vendor, hardware, or software specific.

Although this Practice provides general guidelines for the development of PFDs, individual applications may require differing approaches than those recommended in this Practice. Determinations concerning fitness for purpose and matters of application of the Practice to a particular project or engineering situation should not be made solely on the information contained in this Practice.

Example PFDs in the Appendixes of this Practice are not intended to recommend specific design details or requirements, but are included to provide illustrations of various options available to the user.

## 2. References

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Applicable parts of the following PIP Practice should be considered an integral part of this Practice. The edition in effect on the date of contract award should be used, except as otherwise noted. Short titles are used herein where appropriate.

### Process Industry Practices (PIP)

- PIP PIC001 - *Piping and Instrumentation Diagram Documentation Criteria*

## 3. Definitions

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*anchor point*: Operating conditions critical to the process performance which are required in order to achieve the desired processing objective (e.g., distillation column overhead pressure and temperature)

*block flow diagram*: Simplified PFD showing process steps (e.g., unit representation or batch processes within one vessel or unit) but not necessarily using symbology for equipment

*heat and material balance (H&MB)*: Tabulation of the composition, flow, temperature, pressure and applicable physical properties (e.g., enthalpy, density, viscosity) of every major stream shown on a PFD. H&MB may also be known as mass and energy balance

*heat exchanger duty table*: Listing of heat transfer loads

*name plate capacity*: Nominal capacity of a production unit based on the stream factor over a given period of time

*operating conditions*: Set of stream properties for manufacture of a particular product

*plant*: Location of an operating unit depicted by one or more PFDs

*process*: Equipment configuration and operating conditions for manufacturing of one or more products