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## 1. Scope

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This Practice describes guidelines for selecting appropriate types of centrifugal and positive displacement pumps for specific process services. This Practice does not cover every pump application or every type of pumping device available.

## 2. References

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Applicable parts of the following Practices, industry codes and standards, and references shall be considered an integral part of this Practice. Short titles are used herein where appropriate.

### 2.1 Process Industry Practices (PIP)

- PIP REIE686/API RP686 - *Recommended Practices for Machinery Installation and Installation Design*
- PIP REIE686A - *Recommended Practice for Machinery Installation and Installation Design (Supplement to PIP REIE686/API RP686)*
- PIP REEE003 - *Guidelines for General Purpose Non-lubricated Flexible Couplings*
- PIP RESP73H - *Application of ASME B73.1 - 2012 Specification for Horizontal End Suction Centrifugal Pumps for Chemical Process*
- PIP RESP73V - *Application of ASME B73.2 - 2009 Specification for Vertical In-Line Centrifugal Pumps for Chemical Process*

### 2.2 Industry Codes and Standards

- American Petroleum Institute (API)
  - API 610 - *Centrifugal Pumps for Petroleum, Petrochemical and Natural Gas Industries*
  - API 611 - *General-Purpose Steam Turbines for Petroleum, Chemical, and Gas Industry Services*
  - API 612 - *Petroleum, Petrochemical and Natural Gas Industries-Steam Turbines-Special-purpose Applications*
  - API 614 - *Lubrication, Shaft-sealing, and Control-Oil Systems and Auxiliaries*
  - API 685 - *Sealless Centrifugal Pumps for Petroleum, Petrochemical, and Gas Industry Services*
- American Society of Mechanical Engineering (ASME)
  - ASME B73.1 - *Specification for Horizontal End Suction Centrifugal Pumps for Chemical Process*
  - ASME B73.2 - *Specification for Vertical In-Line Centrifugal Pumps for Chemical Process*
  - ASME B73.3 - *Specification for Sealless Horizontal End Suction Metallic Centrifugal Pumps for Chemical Process*