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## 1. Scope

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This Practice provides minimum technical requirements for the process and mechanical design, materials, fabrication, inspection, and testing of electric immersion process heaters and associated controls, including thyristor control panels. This Practice applies to electric immersion process heaters which are inserted and flange mounted on tanks and vessels, installed in dedicated pressure vessels, and installed in pipe.

## 2. References

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Applicable parts of the following Practices, 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.

### 2.1 Process Industry Practices (PIP)

- PIP ELSPS01 – *Electrical Requirements for Packaged Equipment*
- PIP PCSPS001 – *Packaged Equipment Instrumentation Specification*
- PIP CTSE1000 – *Application of External Coating*
- PIP VECV1001 – *Design Criteria and Purchasing Requirements for Vessels*
- PIP VESV1002 – *Design and Fabrication Specification for Vessels*
- PIP VEDV1003 – *Documentation Requirements for Vessels*
- PIP PCSCP001 – *Control Panel Specification*

### 2.2 Industry Codes and Standards

For the following reference document, if *Code*, Table U-3 {1.1} lists an edition or addenda different than the edition listed in the reference, the edition listed in *Code*, Table U-3 {1.1} shall be used.

- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
  - *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Code)*
    - Section II, Part A – Ferrous Material Specifications
    - Section II, Part D – Properties
    - Section V – Nondestructive Examination
    - Section VIII – Pressure Vessels, Divisions 1 and 2
    - Section IX – Welding and Brazing Qualifications
- Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association (TEMA)
  - *Standards of the Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association*

## 3. Definitions

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*Code*: The *ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*, Section VIII, Division 1 {or 2} and its referenced Sections (e.g., Section II, Section V, and Section IX) and any *Code Cases* permitted by the User. References to Division 2 are shown in braces { }.