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IN THE NAME OF GOD**FOREWORD**

By their very nature, technical standard specifications are continuously subject to modifications and revisions. To strengthen their merit and usefulness, continuous improvements, addendum, deletion of disparate information and consequently provision of updated revisions are to be made in order to ascertain that such standard specifications meet the current requirements, inclusive of Iranian Petroleum Standards (IPS) and the recognized and acceptable national and international standards, as well as the optimal codes and practices based on the accumulated in-house know-how and plant knowledge and experiences.

However, in reality, due to several reasons, not to mention the complexity of the matter, the ultimate goal of continuous direct embedment of the required changes on the relevant standard specifications may be far reaching. Therefore, in the interim periods between the officially issued revisions, the required changes will appear in other documents related to the engineering and design work of the on going projects.

In response to the initiative of the Design Division of the Engineering and Construction Directorate, and considering that the task of the execution of several important and mega projects for the realization of the new oil refineries, pipelines and oil terminals as well as improvements of the existing facilities, has been assigned to NIOEC, it was decided to update the NIOEC Specifications and to issue new official revisions.

The Design Division of the Engineering and Construction Directorate was itself entrusted to carry out this important task, and as such by forming several special technical committees, working in close co-operation and cohesion and sharing their expertise and knowledge, the updated and revised NIOEC Specifications were successfully prepared and complied.

These Specifications are intended to be used for Oil Refineries, Distribution Depots, Oil Terminals, Pipelines and Pump Stations within NIOEC's projects, and have been proven to be of high value for such purposes. It must however be appreciated that these Specifications represent the minimum requirements and should in no way be interpreted as a restriction on the use of better procedures, engineering and design practices or materials.

We encourage and highly appreciate the users and other clear sighted and experts to send their comments on the Specifications to the Design Deputy of the Engineering and Construction Director of NIOEC for evaluation and consideration.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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- 1) THIS SHEET IS A RECORD OF ALL REVISIONS TO THIS SPECIFICATION.
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0. INTRODUCTION

To satisfy the requirements of this NIOEC Specification, Iranian Petroleum Standard [IPS-E-PR-190](#) with the modifications as specified herein after shall be strictly followed.

Articles 1 and 2 of this document replace entirely the related articles in the referenced IPS Standard.

1. SCOPE

This NIOEC's Specification covers the minimum requirements for engineering and design of plant layout and spacing of refinery/ oil plants, distribution depots, pump stations and pipelines to ensure safety and fire prevention together with ease of operation and maintenance.

2. REFERENCES

Throughout this Specification, the following dated and undated standards/ codes are referred to. These referenced documents shall, to the extent specified herein, form a part of this Specification.

For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any supplements and amendments) applies. For dated references, the edition cited applies.

The applicability of changes in dated references that occur after the cited date shall mutually be agreed upon by NIOEC and the Vendor/Contractor.

API (AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE)

RP 521, 4th. Ed., "Guide for Pressure-Relieving and Depressuring Systems"

March 1997

RP-500 A "Recommended Practice for Classification of Location for Electrical Installation in Petroleum Refineries",

API Std. 620 "On Large, Welded, Low Pressure Storage Tanks"

API Std. 650 "On Welded Steel Tanks for Oil Storage"

ASME (AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS)

"Boilers and Pressure Vessel Codes":

- Section I, Power Boilers

- Section VIII, Pressure Vessels

BS (BRITISH STANDARDS)

BS 4485 "Water Cooling Towers"

IPS (IRANIAN PETROLEUM STANDARDS)

[IPS-E-PR-190](#) "Engineering Standard for Layout and Spacing"

NFPA (NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION)

NFPA, 214, Ed. 1989 "Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases"