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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 SCOPE

This DEP specifies requirements and gives recommendations for interlocking systems for fitting to isolating (block) valves installed upstream and/or downstream of pressure relief valves (PRVs).

Where “car seals” or “chain and padlock” controls are used, only (2, Items 1 through 4) apply.

DEP 80.45.10.10-Gen. provides guidance on the overall design of relief systems that minimise the necessity for such block valves.

This DEP contains mandatory requirements to mitigate process safety risks in accordance with Design Engineering Manual (DEM) 1 - Application of Technical Standards.

This is a revision of the DEP of the same number dated February 2014; see (1.5) regarding the changes.

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1.3.1 General definitions

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The word **shall** indicates a requirement.

The capitalised term **SHALL [PS]** indicates a process safety requirement.

The word **should** indicates a recommendation.

The word **may** indicates a permitted option.

1.3.2 Specific definitions

For pressure relief valve (PRV) terminology and related terms, refer to API STD 520 and DEP 80.45.10.10 Gen.

Term	Definition
P&ID	Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams, also known as PEFS
PEFS	Process Engineering Flow Schemes, also known as P&IDs

1.4 CROSS-REFERENCES

Where cross-references to other parts of this DEP are made, the referenced section or clause number is shown in brackets (). Other documents referenced by this DEP are listed in (4).

1.5 SUMMARY OF MAIN CHANGES

This DEP is a full revision of the DEP of the same number dated February 2014. The following are the main, non-editorial changes.

Section/Clause	Change
All	Restructured and clarified requirements, enforced use of shall/should/may for normative statements.
3.1 Item 1	SHALL [PS] requirements restructured and clarified
3.2.1 Item 2	SHALL [PS] requirements clarified
3.3.1 Item 2	SHALL [PS] requirements clarified

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