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Foreword

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This document supplements API Std 521, 6th edition (2014).

The technical requirements of this document and API Std 521 used to be identical. In the meantime API Std 521 has been technically revised as API Std 521, 6th edition (2014). The purpose of this document is to bring it up to date, by referencing the current edition of API Std 521 and adding supplementary content.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Permission to use administrative controls such as car-sealing or chain-locking valves to prevent an over-pressure only if the corrected hydrotest pressures are not exceeded;
- Addition of requirements to cover choke valve failures and acoustic fatigue;
- Strengthening of the requirements to evaluate check valve reverse flow failures;
- Addition of guidance on the use of alternative method for fire relief and blowdown system design.

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