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1969 Edition of No. 30

This 1969 edition of the Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code supersedes the 1966 edition and all previous editions. This Code was prepared by the Sectional Committee on General Storage of Flammable Liquids, approved by the NFPA Flammable Liquids Committee, and adopted by the National Fire Protection Association at its meeting, May 12-16, in New York, N. Y.

This edition, as compared with the 1966 text, incorporates several major changes including a new Article 63 on Wharves, and new recommendations for portable tank storage included in Chapter IV. Other major changes include a new Section 1040; in the definition section, changes in the flash point test methods and aerosols; emergency venting covered in 2153, 2154, 2157 and 2158; 2245; Article 31; 3610; 5122; 7015; 7211; 7260; Appendix A and Appendix C. Numerous other changes were made in this edition primarily for editorial purposes or for clarification.

Origin and Development of No. 30

From 1913 to 1957 this standard was written in the form of a municipal ordinance known as the Suggested Ordinance for the Storage, Handling and Use of Flammable Liquids. In 1957 the format was changed from a municipal ordinance to a Code although the technical provisions were retained. During the 56-year existence of this suggested ordinance and Code, numerous editions have been published as conditions and experiences have dictated; for details see NFPA Technical Committee Reports.

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Transportation of flammable liquids by tank truck is covered by NFPA Recommended Regulatory Standard for Tank Vehicles for Flammable and Combustible Liquids (No. 385).

Certain other standards cover special uses of flammable liquids. Among them are:

- No. 32 — Dry Cleaning Plants
- No. 33 — Spray Finishing Using Flammable and Combustible Materials
- No. 34 — Dip Tanks Containing Flammable and Combustible Liquids
- No. 36 — Solvent Extraction Plants
- No. 393 — Gasoline Blow Torches and Plumbers' Furnaces
- No. 395 — Flammable and Combustible Liquids on Farms and Isolated Construction Projects

The following additional NFPA standards or recommended practices may be referred to for information on special problems in this field.

- No. 35 — Manufacture of Organic Coatings
- No. 306 — Gas Hazards on Vessels
- No. 321 — Basic Classification of Flammable and Combustible Liquids
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Foreword

This standard, known as the Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, is recommended for use as the basis of legal regulations. Its provisions are intended to reduce the hazard to a degree consistent with reasonable public safety, without undue interference with public convenience and necessity which requires the use of flammable liquids. Thus compliance with this standard does not eliminate all hazard in the use of flammable liquids.

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CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

10. Scope and Application.

1010. This Code applies specifically to flammable and combustible liquids with a flash point below 200° F. There are many liquids which have a flash point above 200° F. and are accordingly exempt from this Code. Such liquids, however, involve some degree of hazard, which may be controlled by application of certain provisions of this Code, with appropriate modifications. Attention is directed to the fact that liquids of flash point higher than 200° F. may assume the characteristics of lower flash liquids when heated, and under such conditions it may be appropriate to apply the provisions of the Code to liquids with flash point above 200° F.

1020. Additional requirements may be necessary for the safe storage and use of liquids which have unusual burning characteristics, which are subject to self-ignition when exposed to the air, which are highly reactive with other substances, which are subject to explosive decomposition, or have other special properties which dictate safeguards over and above those specified here.

1030. In particular installations the provisions of this code may be altered at the discretion of the authority having jurisdiction after consideration of the special features such as topographical conditions, barricades, walls, adequacy of building exits, nature of occupancies, proximity to buildings or adjoining property and character of construction of such buildings, capacity and construction of proposed tanks and character of liquids to be stored, nature of process, degree of private fire protection to be provided and the adequacy of facilities of the fire department to cope with flammable or combustible liquid fires.

1040. Existing plants, stores, equipments, buildings, structures and installations for the storage, handling, or use of flammable or combustible liquids which are not in strict compliance with the terms of this Code may be continued in use provided these do not constitute a distinct hazard to life or adjoining property. When the authority having jurisdiction deems that the continued use will constitute a distinct hazard to life or adjoining property, he shall notify the owner or operator and specify reason in writing.

1050. This code shall not apply to:

1051. Transportation of flammable liquids when in conformity with Interstate Commerce Commission regulations, or regulations lawfully on file with and approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

1052. Transportation of flammable and combustible liquids in bulk.

NOTE: These requirements are covered separately in the Standard on Tank Vehicles for Flammable Liquids, NFPA No. 385.

1053. Storage, handling and use of fuel oil tanks and containers connected with oil burning equipment.

NOTE: These requirements are covered separately in the Standard for the Installation of Oil Burning Equipment, NFPA No. 31.

1054. Storage of flammable and combustible liquids on farms and isolated construction projects.

NOTE: These requirements are covered separately in the Standard for the Storage of Flammable and Combustible Liquids on Farms and Isolated Construction Projects, No. 395.

1055. Liquids without flash points that may be flammable under some conditions, such as certain halogenated hydrocarbons and mixtures containing halogenated hydrocarbons.

1056. Mists, sprays or foams. (Except flammable aerosols in containers are included in Chapter IV).

1060. Installations made in accordance with the applicable requirements of Standards of the National Fire Protection Association for Dry Cleaning Plants, No. 32; for Spray Finishing Using Flammable and Combustible Materials, No. 33; for Dip Tanks Containing Flammable or Combustible Liquids, No. 34; for Manufacture of Organic Coatings, No. 35; for Solvent Extraction Plants, No. 36; for the Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines, No. 37 shall be deemed to be in compliance with this code.

11. Definitions.

AEROSOL shall mean a material which is dispensed from its container as a mist, spray or foam by a propellant under pressure.

APARTMENT HOUSE shall mean a building or that portion of a building containing more than two dwelling units.

APPROVED signifies acceptance, by the authority having jurisdiction, of design, equipment, installation, or intended use as re-

quired by this code.

NOTE: Devices having been tested and accepted for a specific purpose by a nationally recognized testing laboratory may be deemed to be acceptable.

ASSEMBLY OCCUPANCY shall mean the occupancy or use of a building or structure or any portion thereof by a gathering of persons for civic, political, travel, religious or recreational purposes.

ATMOSPHERIC TANK shall mean a storage tank which has been designed to operate at pressures from atmospheric through 0.5 psig.

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE STATION shall mean that portion of property where flammable or combustible liquids used as motor fuels are stored and dispensed from fixed equipment into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles and shall include any facilities available for the sale and service of tires, batteries and accessories, and for minor automotive maintenance work. Major automotive repairs, painting, body and fender work are excluded.

BARREL shall mean a volume of 42 U. S. gallons.

BASEMENT shall mean a story of a building or structure having $\frac{1}{2}$ or more of its height below ground level and to which access for fire fighting purposes is unduly restricted.

BOILING POINT shall mean the boiling point of a liquid at a pressure of 14.7 psia (760 mm). Where an accurate boiling point is unavailable for the material in question, or for mixtures which do not have a constant boiling point, for purposes of this code the 10 per cent point of a distillation performed in accordance with the Standard Method of Test for Distillation of Petroleum Products, ASTM D-86-62, may be used as the boiling point of the liquid.

BOIL-OVER shall mean the expulsion of crude oil (or certain other liquids) from a burning tank. The light fractions of the crude oil burn off producing a heat wave in the residue, which on reaching a water strata may result in the expulsion of a portion of the contents of the tank in the form of froth.

BULK PLANT shall mean that portion of a property where flammable or combustible liquids are received by tank vessel, pipe lines, tank car, or tank vehicle, and are stored or blended in bulk for the purpose of distributing such liquids by tank vessel, pipe line, tank car, tank vehicle, or container.

CHEMICAL PLANT shall mean a large integrated plant or that portion of such a plant other than a refinery or distillery where flammable or combustible liquids are produced by chemical reactions or used in chemical reactions.

CLOSED CONTAINER shall mean a container as herein defined, so sealed by means of a lid or other device that neither liquid nor vapor will escape from it at ordinary temperatures.

COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS — See LIQUIDS.

CONTAINER shall mean any can, barrel, or drum.

CRUDE PETROLEUM shall mean hydrocarbon mixtures that have a flash point below 150° F. and which have not been processed in a refinery.

DISTILLERY shall mean a plant or that portion of a plant where flammable or combustible liquids produced by fermentation are concentrated, and where the concentrated products may also be mixed, stored, or packaged.

DWELLING shall mean a building occupied exclusively for residence purposes and having not more than two dwelling units or as a boarding or rooming house serving not more than 15 persons with meals or sleeping accommodations or both.

DWELLING UNIT shall mean one or more rooms arranged for the use of one or more individuals living together as a single house-keeping unit, with cooking, living, sanitary and sleeping facilities.

EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCY shall mean the occupancy or use of a building or structure or any portion thereof by persons assembled for the purpose of learning or of receiving educational instruction.

FIRE AREA shall mean an area of a building separated from the remainder of the building by construction having a fire resistance of at least one hour and having all communicating openings properly protected by an assembly having a fire resistance rating of at least one hour.

FLAMMABLE AEROSOL shall mean an aerosol which is required to be labeled "Flammable" under the U.S. Federal Hazardous Substances Labeling Act. For the purposes of this Code (Chapter IV) such aerosols are considered Class IA liquids.

FLASH POINT of the liquid shall mean the temperature at which it gives off vapor sufficient to form an ignitable mixture with the air near the surface of the liquid or within the vessel used as determined by appropriate test procedure and apparatus as specified below.

The flash point of liquids having a viscosity less than 45 SUS at 100°F (37.8°C) and a flash point below 175°F (79.4°C), shall be determined in accordance with the Standard Method of Test for Flash Point by the Tag Closed Tester, ASTM D-56-69.*

The flash point of liquids having a viscosity of 45 SUS or more at 100°F (37.8°C) or a flash point of 175°F (79.4°C) or higher shall be determined in accordance with the Standard Method of Test for Flash Point by the Pensky Martens Closed Tester, ASTM D-93-69.*

HOTEL shall mean buildings or groups of buildings under the same management in which there are sleeping accommodations for hire, primarily used by transients who are lodged with or without meals including but not limited to inns, clubs, motels and apartment hotels.

INSTITUTIONAL OCCUPANCY shall mean the occupancy or use of a building or structure or any portion thereof by persons harbored or detained to receive medical, charitable or other care or treatment, or by persons involuntarily detained.

LIQUID shall mean, for the purpose of this Code, any material which has a fluidity greater than that of 300 penetration asphalt when tested in accordance with ASTM Test for Penetration for Bituminous Materials, D-5-65.* When not otherwise identified, the term liquid shall include both flammable and combustible liquids.

COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS shall mean any liquid having a flash point at or above 140° F. (60° C.), and shall be known as Class III liquids. Class IIIA shall include those having flash points at or above 140° F. (60° C.) and below 200° F. (93.4° C.). Class IIIB shall include those having flash points at or above 200° F. (93.4° C.).

This code does not cover Class IIIB liquids (see 1010). Where the term combustible liquids or Class III liquids is used in this code, it shall mean only Class IIIA liquids.

NOTE: The upper limit of 200° F. is given because the application of this code does not extend to liquids having flash points above 200° F. and should not be construed as indicating that liquids with higher flash points are non-combustible.

*Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS shall mean any liquid having a flash point below 140° F. and having a vapor pressure not exceeding 40 pounds per square inch (absolute) at 100° F.

Flammable liquids shall be divided into two classes of liquids as follows:

CLASS I liquids shall include those having flash points below 100° F. and may be subdivided as follows:

CLASS IA shall include those having flash points below 73° F. and having a boiling point below 100° F.

CLASS IB shall include those having flash points below 73° F. and having a boiling point at or above 100° F.

CLASS IC shall include those having flash points at or above 73° F. and below 100° F.

CLASS II liquids shall include those having flash points at or above 100° F. and below 140° F.

The volatility of liquids is increased when artificially heated to temperatures equal to or higher than their flash points. When so heated Class II and III liquids shall be subject to the applicable requirements for Class I or II liquids. This Code may also be applied to high flash point liquids when so heated even though these same liquids when not heated are outside of its scope.

UNSTABLE (REACTIVE) LIQUID shall mean a liquid which in the pure state or as commercially produced or transported will vigorously polymerize, decompose, condense, or will become self-reactive under conditions of shock, pressure, or temperature.

LOW PRESSURE TANK shall mean a storage tank which has been designed to operate at pressures above 0.5 psig but not more than 15 psig.

MARINE SERVICE STATION shall mean that portion of a property where flammable or combustible liquids used as fuels are stored and dispensed from fixed equipment on shore, piers, wharves, or floating docks into the fuel tanks of self-propelled craft, and shall include all facilities used in connection therewith.

MERCANTILE OCCUPANCY shall mean the occupancy or use of a building or structure or any portion thereof for the displaying, selling or buying of goods, wares, or merchandise.

OFFICE OCCUPANCY shall mean the occupancy or use of a building or structure or any portion thereof for the transaction of business, or the rendering or receiving of professional services.

PORTABLE TANK shall mean a closed container having a liquid capacity over 60 U.S. gallons and not intended for fixed installation.

PRESSURE VESSEL shall mean a storage tank or vessel which has been designed to operate at pressures above 15 psig.

PROTECTION FOR EXPOSURES shall mean fire protection for structures on property adjacent to tanks. When acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction, such structures located (1) within the jurisdiction of any public fire department or (2) within or adjacent to plants having private fire brigades shall be considered as having adequate protection for exposures.

REFINERY shall mean a plant in which flammable or combustible liquids are produced on a commercial scale from crude petroleum, natural gasoline, or other hydrocarbon sources.

SAFETY CAN shall mean an approved container, of not more than five gallons capacity, having a spring-closing lid and spout cover and so designed that it will safely relieve internal pressure when subjected to fire exposure.

VAPOR PRESSURE shall mean the pressure, measured in pounds per square inch (absolute) exerted by a volatile liquid as determined by the "Standard Method of Test for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Reid Method)," (ASTM D323-58).*

VENTILATION as specified in this Code is for the prevention of fire and explosion. It is considered adequate if it is sufficient to prevent accumulation of significant quantities of vapor-air mixtures in concentration over one-fourth of the lower flammable limit.

12. Storage. Flammable or combustible liquids shall be stored in a tank or in a container that complies with 41.

*Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

CHAPTER II. TANK STORAGE.

20. Design and Construction of Tanks.

2010. Materials.

2011. Tanks shall be built of steel except as provided in 2012 through 2015.

2012. Tanks may be built of materials other than steel for installation underground or if required by the properties of the liquid stored. Tanks located aboveground or inside buildings shall be of noncombustible construction.

NOTE: In case of doubt, the supplier, producer of the flammable or combustible liquid, or other competent authority should be consulted as to the suitability of the material of construction to be used.

2013. Tanks built of materials other than steel shall be designed to specifications embodying principles recognized as good engineering design for the material used and shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

2014. Unlined concrete tanks may be used for storing flammable or combustible liquids having a gravity of 40 degrees API or heavier. Concrete tanks with special lining may be used for other services provided the design is in accordance with sound engineering practice.

2015. Tanks may have combustible or noncombustible linings.

2016. Special engineering consideration shall be required if the specific gravity of the liquid to be stored exceeds that of water or if the tanks are designed to contain flammable or combustible liquids at a liquid temperature below zero degrees F.

2020. Fabrication.

2021. Tanks may be of any shape or type consistent with sound engineering design.

2022. Metal tanks shall be welded, riveted and caulked, brazed, or bolted, or constructed by use of a combination of these methods. Filler metal used in brazing shall be nonferrous metal or an alloy having a melting point above 1000° F. and below that of the metal joined.

2030. Atmospheric Tanks.

2031. Atmospheric tanks shall be built in accordance with approved standards of design. Atmospheric tanks may be built in accordance with:

(a) Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. Subjects No. 142, Standard for Steel Aboveground Tanks for Flammable and Combustible Liquids, 1968; No. 58, Standard for Steel Underground Tanks for Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Fifth Edition, December 1961; or No. 80, Standard for Steel Inside Tanks for Oil-Burner Fuel, September 1963.

(b) American Petroleum Institute Standards No. 12A, Specification for Oil Storage Tanks with Riveted Shells, Seventh Edition, September 1951 or No. 650, Welded Steel Tanks for Oil Storage, Third Edition, 1966.

NOTE: Tanks which incorporate an internal metal floating cover with a fixed metal roof with adequate ventilation at the eaves of the roof are considered floating roof tanks.

(c) American Petroleum Institute Standards No. 12B, Specification for Bolted Production Tanks, Eleventh Edition, May 1958 and Supplement I, March 1962; No. 12D, Specification for Large Welded Production Tanks, Seventh Edition, August 1957; or No. 12F, Specification for Small Welded Production Tanks, Fifth Edition, March 1961. Tanks built in accordance with these standards shall be used only as production tanks for storage of crude petroleum in oil-producing areas.

2032. Tanks designed for underground service not exceeding 2,500 gallons capacity may be used aboveground.

2033. Low pressure tanks and pressure vessels may be used as atmospheric tanks.

2034. Atmospheric tanks shall not be used for the storage of a flammable or combustible liquid at a temperature at or above its boiling point.

2040. Low Pressure Tanks.

2041. The normal operating pressure of the tank shall not exceed the design pressure of the tank.

2042. Low pressure tanks shall be built in accordance with approved standards of design. Low pressure tanks may be built in accordance with:

(a) American Petroleum Institute Standard No. 620, Recommended Rules for the Design and Construction of Large,

Welded, Low-Pressure Storage Tanks, Third Edition, 1966.

(b) The principles of the Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels, Section VIII of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessels Code, 1962 Edition.

2043. Atmospheric tanks built according to Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., requirements in Paragraph 2031 may be used for operating pressures not exceeding 1 psig and shall be limited to 2.5 psig under emergency venting conditions.

2044. Pressure vessels may be used as low pressure tanks.

2050. Pressure Vessels.

2051. The normal operating pressure of the vessel shall not exceed the design pressure of the vessel.

2052. Pressure vessels shall be built in accordance with the Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels, Section VIII of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessels Code, 1962 Edition.

2060. Provisions for Internal Corrosion.

2061. When tanks are not designed in accordance with the American Petroleum Institute, American Society of Mechanical Engineers or the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., Standards, or if corrosion is anticipated beyond that provided for in the design formulas used, additional metal thickness or suitable protective coatings or linings shall be provided to compensate for the corrosion loss expected during the design life of the tank.

21. Installation of Outside Aboveground Tanks.

2110. Location With Respect to Property Lines and Public Ways.

2111. Every aboveground tank for the storage of flammable or combustible liquids, except those liquids with boilover characteristics and unstable liquids, operating at pressures not in excess of 2.5 psig and equipped with emergency venting which will not permit pressures to exceed 2.5 psig shall be located in accordance with Table II-1.

2112. Every aboveground tank for the storage of flammable or combustible liquids, except those liquids with boil-over characteristics and unstable flammable or combustible liquids, operating

Table II-1

Type of Tank	Protection	Minimum Distance in Feet from Property Line Which May be Built Upon, Including the Opposite Side of a Public Way	Minimum Distance in Feet from Nearest Side of Any Public Way or from Nearest Important Building and shall be not less than 5 feet
Floating Roof	Protection for Exposures	$\frac{1}{2}$ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 90 feet	$\frac{1}{6}$ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 30 feet
	None	Diameter of tank but need not exceed 175 feet	$\frac{1}{6}$ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 30 feet
Vertical with Weak Roof to Shell Seam	Approved foam or inerting system on the tank	$\frac{1}{2}$ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 90 feet and shall not be less than 5 feet	$\frac{1}{6}$ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 30 feet
	Protection for Exposures	Diameter of tank but need not exceed 175 feet	$\frac{1}{6}$ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 60 feet
	None	2 times diameter of tank but need not exceed 350 feet	$\frac{1}{6}$ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 60 feet
Horizontal and Vertical, with Emergency Relief Venting to Limit Pressures to 2.5 psig	Approved inerting system on the tank or approved foam system on vertical tanks	$\frac{1}{2}$ times Table II-5 but shall not be less than 5 feet	$\frac{1}{2}$ times Table II-5
	Protection for Exposures	Table II-5	Table II-5
	None	2 times Table II-5	Table II-5

at pressures exceeding 2.5 psig or equipped with emergency venting which will permit pressures to exceed 2.5 psig shall be located in accordance with Table II-2.*

Table II-2

Type of Tank	Protection	Minimum Distance in Feet from Property Line Which May be Built Upon, Including the Opposite Side of a Public Way	Minimum Distance in Feet from Nearest Side of Any Public Way or from Nearest Important Building
Any Type	Protection for Exposures	1½ times Table II-5 but shall not be less than 25 feet	1½ times Table II-5 but shall not be less than 25 feet
	None	3 times Table II-5 but shall not be less than 50 feet	1½ times Table II-5 but shall not be less than 25 feet

*Special consideration may be given to tanks equipped with automatic depressuring systems.

2113. Every aboveground tank for the storage of flammable or combustible liquids with boil-over characteristics shall be located in accordance with Table II-3.

Table II-3

Type of Tank	Protection	Minimum Distance in Feet from Property Line Which May be Built Upon, Including the Opposite Side of a Public Way	Minimum Distance in Feet from Nearest Side of Any Public Way or from Nearest Important Building
Floating Roof	Protection for Exposures	Diameter of tank but need not exceed 175 feet	⅓ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 60 feet
	None	2 times diameter of tank but need not exceed 350 feet	⅓ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 60 feet
Fixed Roof	Approved foam or inerting system	Diameter of tank but need not exceed 175 feet	⅓ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 60 feet
	Protection for Exposures	2 times diameter of tank but need not exceed 350 feet	⅔ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 120 feet
	None	4 times diameter of tank but need not exceed 350 feet	⅔ times diameter of tank but need not exceed 120 feet

2114. Every aboveground tank for the storage of unstable liquids shall be located in accordance with Table II-4.

Table II-4

Type of Tank	Protection	Minimum Distance in Feet from Property Line Which May be Built Upon, Including the Opposite Side of a Public Way	Minimum Distance in Feet from Nearest Side of Any Public Way or from Nearest Important Building
Horizontal and Vertical Tanks with Emergency Relief Venting to Permit Pressure Not in Excess of 2.5 psig	Tank protected with any one of the following: Approved water spray, Approved inerting, Approved insulation and refrigeration, Approved barricade	Table II-5 but not less than 25 feet	Not less than 25 feet
	Protection for Exposures	$2\frac{1}{2}$ times Table II-5 but not less than 50 feet	Not less than 50 feet
	None	5 times Table II-5 but not less than 100 feet	Not less than 100 feet
Horizontal and Vertical Tanks with Emergency Relief Venting to Permit Pressure Over 2.5 psig	Tank protected with any one of the following: Approved water spray, Approved inerting, Approved insulation and refrigeration, Approved barricade	2 times Table II-5 but not less than 50 feet	Not less than 50 feet
	Protection for Exposures	4 times Table II-5 but not less than 100 feet	Not less than 100 feet
	None	8 times Table II-5 but not less than 150 feet	Not less than 150 feet

2115. Reference minimum distances for use in Tables II 1 to 4 inclusive.

Table II-5

Capacity Tank Gallons	Minimum Distance in Feet from Property Line Which May be Built Upon, Including the Opposite Side of a Public Way	Minimum Distance in Feet from Nearest Side of Any Public Way or from Nearest Important Building
275 or less	5	5
276 to 750	10	5
751 to 12,000	15	5
12,001 to 30,000	20	5
30,001 to 50,000	30	10
50,001 to 100,000	50	15
100,001 to 500,000	80	25
500,001 to 1,000,000	100	35
1,000,001 to 2,000,000	135	45
2,000,001 to 3,000,000	165	55
3,000,001 or more	175	60

2116. Where two tank properties of diverse ownership have a common boundary, the authority having jurisdiction may, with the written consent of the owners of the two properties, substitute the distances provided in 2121 through 2126 for the minimum distances set forth in 2110.

2117. Where end failure of horizontal pressure tanks and vessels may expose property, the tank shall be placed with the longitudinal axis parallel to the nearest important exposure.

2120. Spacing (Shell-to-Shell) Between Aboveground Tanks.

2121. The distance between any two flammable or combustible liquid storage tanks shall not be less than three feet.

2122. Except as provided in 2123, the distance between any two adjacent tanks shall not be less than one-sixth the sum of their diameters except when the diameter of one tank is less than one-half the diameter of the adjacent tank, the distance between the two tanks shall not be less than one-half the diameter of the smaller tank.

2123. Crude petroleum in conjunction with production facilities located in noncongested areas and having capacities not exceeding 126,000 gallons (3,000 barrels), the distance between such tanks shall not be less than three feet.

2124. Unstable flammable or combustible liquids, the distance between such tanks shall not be less than one-half the sum of their diameters.

2125. When tanks are compacted in three or more rows or in an irregular pattern, greater spacing or other means shall be provided at the discretion of the authority having jurisdiction so that inside tanks are accessible for fire fighting purposes.

2126. The minimum separation between a liquefied petroleum gas container and a flammable or combustible liquid storage tank shall be 20 feet, except in the case of flammable or combustible liquid tanks operating at pressures exceeding 2.5 psig or equipped with emergency venting which will permit pressures to exceed 2.5 psig in which case the provisions of 2121 and 2122 shall apply. Suitable means shall be taken to prevent the accumulation of flammable or combustible liquids under adjacent liquefied petroleum gas containers such as by diversion curbs or grading. When flammable or combustible liquid storage tanks are within a diked area, the liquefied petroleum gas containers shall be outside the diked area and at least 10 feet away from the center line of the wall of the diked area. The foregoing provisions shall not apply when liquefied petroleum gas containers of 125 gallons or less capacity are installed adjacent to fuel oil supply tanks of 550 gallons or less capacity.

2130. Location of Outside Aboveground Tanks with Respect to Important Buildings on Same Property.

2131. Every outside aboveground tank shall be separated from important buildings on the same property by distances not less than those specified in 2111, 2112, 2113 or 2114 whichever is applicable. The appropriate distance column in Tables II-1, II-2, II-3, II-4 or II-5 that shall be used shall be the one reading: "Minimum Distance in Feet from Nearest Side of Any Public Way or from Nearest Important Building."

2140. Normal Venting for Aboveground Tanks.

2141. Atmospheric storage tanks shall be adequately vented to prevent the development of vacuum or pressure sufficient to distort the roof of a cone roof tank or exceeding the design pressure in the case of other atmospheric tanks, as a result of filling or emptying, and atmospheric temperature changes.

2142. Normal vents shall be sized either in accordance with: (1) the American Petroleum Institute Guide for Tank Venting, RP-2000; or (2) other accepted standard; or (3) shall be at least as large as the filling or withdrawal connection, whichever is larger but in no case less than 1¼ inch nominal inside diameter.

2143. Low-pressure tanks and pressure vessels shall be adequately vented to prevent development of pressure or vacuum, as a result of filling or emptying and atmospheric temperature

changes, from exceeding the design pressure of the tank or vessel. Protection shall also be provided to prevent overpressure from any pump discharging into the tank or vessel when the pump discharge pressure can exceed the design pressure of the tank or vessel.

2144. If any tank or pressure vessel has more than one fill or withdrawal connection and simultaneous filling or withdrawal can be made, the vent size shall be based on the maximum anticipated simultaneous flow.

2145. Unless the vent is designed to limit the internal pressure 2.5 psi or less, the outlet of vents and vent drains shall be arranged to discharge in such a manner as to prevent localized overheating of any part of the tank in the event vapors from such vents are ignited.

2146. Tanks and pressure vessels storing Class IA liquids shall be equipped with venting devices which shall be normally closed except when venting to pressure or vacuum conditions. Tanks and pressure vessels storing Class IB and IC liquids shall be equipped with venting devices which shall be normally closed except when venting under pressure or vacuum conditions, or with approved flame arresters.

EXCEPTION: Tanks of 3,000 bbls. capacity or less containing crude petroleum in crude-producing areas; and, outside aboveground atmospheric tanks under 1,000 gallons capacity containing other than Class IA flammable liquids may have open vents. (See Paragraph 2162.)

2147. Flame arresters or venting devices required in Paragraph 2146 may be omitted for IB and IC liquids where conditions are such that their use may, in case of obstruction, result in tank damage.

NOTE: Liquid properties justifying the omission of such devices include, but are not limited to, condensation, corrosiveness, crystallization, polymerization, freezing or plugging. When any of these conditions exist, consideration may be given to heating, use of devices employing special materials of construction, the use of liquid seals, or inerting (see Standard for Inerting for Fire and Explosion Prevention, NFPA No. 69).

2150. Emergency Relief Venting for Fire Exposure for Above-ground Tanks.

2151. Every aboveground storage tank shall have some form of construction or device that will relieve excessive internal pressure caused by exposure fires.

2152. In a vertical tank the construction referred to in 2151 may take the form of a floating roof, lifter roof, a weak roof-to-shell

seam, or other approved pressure relieving construction. The weak roof-to-shell seam shall be constructed to fail preferential to any other seam.

2153. Where entire dependence for emergency relief is placed upon pressure relieving devices, the total venting capacity of both normal and emergency vents shall be enough to prevent rupture of the shell or bottom of the tank if vertical, or of the shell or heads if horizontal. If unstable liquids are stored, the effects of heat or gas resulting from polymerization, decomposition, condensation, or self-reactivity shall be taken into account. The total capacity of both normal and emergency venting devices shall be not less than that derived from Table II-6 except as provided in 2155 or 2156. Such device may be a selfclosing manhole cover, or one using long bolts that permit the cover to lift under internal pressure, or an additional or larger relief valve or valves. The wetted area of the tank shall be calculated on the basis of 55 per cent of the total exposed area of a sphere or spheroid, 75 per cent of the total exposed area of a horizontal tank and the first 30 feet abovegrade of the exposed shell area of a vertical tank.

NOTE: See Appendix A for the square footage of typical tank sizes.

Table II-6
Wetted Area Versus Cubic Feet Free Air per Hour
(14.7 psia and 60° F.)

Sq. Ft.	CFH	Sq. Ft.	CFH	Sq. Ft.	CFH
20	21,100	200	211,000	1,000	524,000
30	31,600	250	239,000	1,200	557,000
40	42,100	300	265,000	1,400	587,000
50	52,700	350	288,000	1,600	614,000
60	63,200	400	312,000	1,800	639,000
70	73,700	500	354,000	2,000	662,000
80	84,200	600	392,000	2,400	704,000
90	94,800	700	428,000	2,800	742,000
100	105,000	800	462,000	and over	•
120	126,000	900	493,000		
140	147,000	1,000	524,000		
160	168,000				
180	190,000				
200	211,000				

NOTE: Interpolate for intermediate values.

2154. For tanks and storage vessels designed for pressures over 1 psig, the total rate of venting shall be determined in accordance with Table II-6, except that when the exposed wetted area of the surface is greater than 2,800 sq. ft., the total rate of venting shall be calculated by the following formula:

$$CFH = 1,107 A^{0.82}$$

Where:

CFH = venting requirement, in cubic feet of free air per hour.

A = exposed wetted surface, in square feet.

NOTE 1: The foregoing formula is based on $Q = 21,000 A^{0.82}$.

2155. The total emergency relief venting capacity for any specific stable liquid may be determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Cubic feet of free air per hour} = V \frac{1337}{L \sqrt{M}}$$

V = cubic feet of free air per hour from Table II-6.

L = latent heat of vaporization of specific liquid in Btu per lb.

M = molecular weight of specific liquids.

2156. The required air flow rate of 2153 or 2155 may be multiplied by the appropriate factor listed in the following schedule when protection is provided as indicated. Only one factor may be used for any one tank.

- .5 for drainage in accordance with 2172 for tanks over 200 square feet of wetted area.
- .3 for approved water spray.
- .3 for approved insulation.
- .15 for approved water spray with approved insulation.

2157. The outlet of all vents and vent drains on tanks equipped with emergency venting to permit pressures exceeding 2.5 psig shall be arranged to discharge in such a way as to prevent localized overheating of any part of the tank, in the event vapors from such vents are ignited.

2158. Each commercial tank venting device shall have stamped on it the opening pressure, the pressure at which the valve reaches the full open position, and the flow capacity at the latter pressure, expressed in cubic feet per hour of air at 60°F and at a pressure of 14.7 psia.

2159. The flow capacity of tank venting devices 12 in. and smaller in nominal pipe size shall be determined by actual test of each type and size of vent. These flow tests may be conducted by the manufacturer if certified by a qualified impartial observer,

or may be conducted by an outside agency. The flow capacity of tank venting devices larger than 12 in. nominal pipe size, including manhole covers with long bolts or equivalent, may be calculated provided that the opening pressure is actually measured, the rating pressure and corresponding free orifice area are stated, the word "calculated" appears on the nameplate, and the computation is based on a flow coefficient of 0.5 applied to the rated orifice area.

2160. Vent Piping for Aboveground Tanks.

2161. Vent piping shall be constructed in accordance with Chapter III.

2162. Where vent pipe outlets for tanks storing Class I liquids are adjacent to buildings or public ways, they shall be located so that the vapors are released at a safe point outside of buildings and not less than 12 feet above the adjacent ground level. In order to aid their dispersion, vapors shall be discharged upward or horizontally away from closely adjacent walls. Vent outlets shall be located so that flammable vapors will not be trapped by eaves or other obstructions and shall be at least five feet from building openings.

2163. When tank vent piping is manifolded, pipe sizes shall be such as to discharge, within the pressure limitations of the system, the vapors they may be required to handle when manifolded tanks are subject to the same fire exposure.

NOTE: The manifolding of tank vent piping should be avoided except where required for special purposes such as vapor recovery, vapor conservation or air pollution control. The possible hazards of cross contamination of tank contents should be considered when tanks are manifolded through vent piping.

2170. Drainage, Dikes and Walls for Aboveground Tanks.

2171. DRAINAGE AND DIKED AREAS: The area surrounding a tank or a group of tanks shall be provided with drainage as in Paragraph 2172, or shall be diked as provided in Paragraph 2173, to prevent accidental discharge of liquid from endangering adjoining property or reaching waterways, except that in particular installations these provisions may be waived or altered at the discretion of the authority having jurisdiction when the tanks under consideration do not constitute a hazard to adjoining property.

2172. DRAINAGE: Where protection of adjoining property or waterways is by means of a natural or man-made drainage system, such systems shall comply with the following:

(a) A slope of not less than 1 per cent away from the tank toward the drainage system shall be provided.

(b) The drainage system shall terminate in vacant land or other area or in an impounding basin having a capacity not smaller than that of the largest tank served. This termination area and the route of the drainage system shall be so located that, if the flammable or combustible liquids in the drainage system are ignited, the fire will not seriously expose tanks or adjoining property.

(c) The drainage system, including automatic drainage pumps, shall not discharge to adjoining property, natural water courses, public sewers, or public drains unless the discharge of flammable or combustible liquids would not constitute a hazard, or the system is so designed that it will not permit flammable or combustible liquids to be released.

2173. **DIKED AREAS:** Where protection of adjoining property or waterways is accomplished by retaining the liquid around the tank by means of a dike, the volume of the diked area shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) Except as provided in sub-paragraph (b), the volumetric capacity of the diked area shall not be less than the greatest amount of liquid that can be released from the largest tank within the diked area, assuming a full tank. The capacity of the diked area enclosing more than one tank shall be calculated by deducting the volume of the tanks other than the largest tank below the height of the dike.

(b) For a tank or group of tanks with fixed roofs containing crude petroleum with boilover characteristics, the volumetric capacity of the diked area shall be not less than the capacity of the largest tank served by the enclosure, assuming a full tank. The capacity of the diked enclosure shall be calculated by deducting the volume below the height of the dike of all tanks within the enclosure.

(c) Walls of the diked area shall be of earth, steel, concrete or solid masonry designed to be liquidtight and to withstand a full hydrostatic head. Earthen walls 3 feet or more in height shall have a flat section at the top not less than 2 feet wide. The slope of an earthen wall shall be consistent with the angle of repose of the material of which the wall is constructed.

(d) The walls of the diked area shall be restricted to an average height of 6 feet above interior grade.

(e) Where provision is made for draining water from diked areas, drainage shall be provided at a uniform slope of not less than one per cent away from tanks toward a sump, drainbox or other safe means of disposal located at the greatest practical distance from the tank. Such drains shall normally be controlled in a manner so as to prevent flammable or combustible liquids from entering natural water courses, public sewers, or public drains, if their presence would constitute a hazard. Control of drainage shall be accessible under fire conditions.

(f) No loose combustible material, empty or full drum or barrel, shall be permitted within the diked area.

(g) Each diked area containing two or more tanks shall be sub-divided preferably by drainage channels or at least by intermediate curbs in order to prevent spills from endangering adjacent tanks within the diked area as follows:

(1) When storing normally stable liquids in vertical cone roof tanks constructed with weak roof-to-shell seam or approved floating roof tanks or when storing crude petroleum in producing areas in any type of tank, one sub-division for each tank in excess of 10,000 bbls. and one sub-division for each group of tanks (no tank exceeding 10,000 bbls. capacity) having an aggregate capacity not exceeding 15,000 bbls.

(2) When storing normally stable flammable or combustible liquids in tanks not covered in sub-paragraph (1), one sub-division for each tank in excess of 100,000 gallons (2,500 bbls.) and one sub-division for each group of tanks (no tank exceeding 100,000 gallons capacity) having an aggregate capacity not exceeding 150,000 gallons (3,570 bbls.).

(3) When storing unstable liquids in any type of tank, one sub-division for each tank except that tanks installed in accordance with the drainage requirements of NFPA No. 15, Standard for Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection, shall require no additional sub-division.

NOTE: Since unstable liquids will react more rapidly when heated than when at ambient temperatures, sub-division by drainage channels is the preferred method.

(4) The drainage channels or intermediate curbs shall be located between tanks so as to take full advantage of the available space with due regard for the individual tank capacities. Intermediate curbs, where used, shall be not less than 18 inches in height.

2190. Tank Openings Other Than Vents for Aboveground Tanks.

2191. Connections for all tank openings shall be vapor and liquidtight. Vents are covered in Sections 2140 through 2160.

2192. Each connection to an aboveground tank through which liquid can normally flow shall be provided with an internal or an external valve located as close as practical to the shell of the tank. Such valves, when external, and their connections to the tank shall be of steel except when the chemical characteristics of the liquid stored are incompatible with steel. When materials other than steel are necessary, they shall be suitable for the pressures, structural stresses and temperatures involved, including fire exposures.

NOTE: Flanged connections are preferred in sizes three inches and larger.

2193. Each connection below the liquid level through which liquid does not normally flow shall be provided with a liquid-tight closure. This may be a valve, plug or blind, or a combination of these.

2194. Openings for gaging shall be provided with a vapor-tight cap or cover.

2195. For Class IB and Class IC liquids other than crude oils, gasolines and asphalts, the fill pipe shall be so designed and installed as to minimize the possibility of generating static electricity. A fill pipe entering the top of a tank shall terminate within six inches of the bottom of the tank and shall be installed to avoid excessive vibration.

2196. Filling and emptying connections which are made and broken shall be located outside of buildings at a location free from any source of ignition and not less than five feet away from any building opening. Such connection shall be closed and liquidtight when not in use. The connection shall be properly identified.

22. Installation of Underground Tanks.

2210. Location: Excavation for underground storage tanks shall be made with due care to avoid undermining of foundations of existing structures. Underground tanks or tanks under buildings shall be so located with respect to existing building foundations and supports that the loads carried by the latter cannot be transmitted to the tank. The distance from any part of a tank storing Class I liquids to the nearest wall of any basement or pit shall be not less than one foot, and to any property line that may be built upon, not less than three feet. The distance from any part of a

tank storing Class II or Class III liquids to the nearest wall of any basement, pit or property line shall be not less than one foot.

2220. Depth and Cover: Underground tanks shall be set on firm foundations and surrounded with at least six inches of noncorrosive, inert materials such as clean sand, earth or gravel well tamped in place. The tank shall be placed in the hole with care since dropping or rolling the tank into the hole can break a weld, puncture or damage the tank or scrape off the protective coating of coated tanks. Tanks shall be covered with a minimum of two feet of earth, or shall be covered with not less than one foot of earth, on top of which shall be placed a slab of reinforced concrete not less than four inches thick. When underground tanks are, or are likely to be, subjected to traffic, they shall be protected against damage from vehicles passing over them by at least three feet of earth cover, or 18 inches of well-tamped earth, plus six inches of reinforced concrete or eight inches of asphaltic concrete. When asphaltic or reinforced concrete paving is used as part of the protection, it shall extend at least one foot horizontally beyond the outline of the tank in all directions.

2230. Corrosion Protection: Corrosion protection for the tank and its piping shall be provided by one or more of the following methods: (1) use of protective coatings or wrappings; (2) cathodic protection; or, (3) corrosion resistant materials of construction.

NOTE: Selection of the type of protection to be employed should be based upon the corrosion history of the area and the judgment of a qualified engineer.

2240. Vents.

2241. LOCATION AND ARRANGEMENT OF VENTS FOR CLASS I LIQUIDS: Vent pipes from tanks storing Class I liquids shall be so located that the discharge point is outside of buildings, higher than the fill pipe opening, and not less than 12 feet above the adjacent ground level. Vent pipes shall discharge only upward in order to disperse vapors. Vent pipes two inches or less in nominal inside diameter shall not be obstructed by devices that will cause excessive back pressure. Vent pipe outlets shall be so located that flammable vapors will not enter building openings, or be trapped under eaves or other obstructions. If the vent pipe is less than ten feet in length or greater than two inches in nominal inside diameter, the outlet shall be provided with a vacuum and pressure relief device or there shall be an approved flame arrester located in the vent line at the outlet or within the approved distance from the outlet.

2242. SIZE OF VENTS: Each tank shall be vented through piping adequate in size to prevent blow-back of vapor or liquid

at the fill opening while tank is being filled. Vent pipes shall be not less than 1¼ inch nominal inside diameter.

NOTE: The vent size depends upon the filling or withdrawal rate whichever is larger, the vent line length and the tank design pressure. Vent piping sized in accordance with Table II-7 will prevent the pressure in the tank from exceeding 2.5 psig.

Table II-7
Vent Line Diameters

Maximum Flow GPM	Pipe Length*		
	50 ft.	100 ft.	200 ft.
100	1¼-inch	1¼-inch	1¼-inch
200	1¼-inch	1¼-inch	1¼-inch
300	1¼-inch	1¼-inch	1½-inch
400	1¼-inch	1½-inch	2-inch
500	1½-inch	1½-inch	2-inch
600	1½-inch	2-inch	2-inch
700	2-inch	2-inch	2-inch
800	2-inch	2-inch	3-inch
900	2-inch	2-inch	3-inch
1000	2-inch	2-inch	3-inch

*Vent lines of 50 ft., 100 ft. and 200 ft. of pipe plus 7 ell.

NOTE: The vent size depends upon the filling or withdrawal rate whichever is larger, the vent line length and the tank design pressure. Vent piping sized in accordance with this table will prevent the pressure in the tank from exceeding 2.5 psig.

2243. LOCATION AND ARRANGEMENT OF VENTS FOR CLASS II OR CLASS III LIQUIDS: Vent pipes from tanks storing Class II or Class III flammable liquids shall terminate outside of building and higher than the fill pipe opening. Vent outlets shall be above normal snow level. They may be fitted with return bends, coarse screens or other devices to minimize ingress of foreign material.

2244. Vent piping shall be constructed in accordance with Chapter 3. Vent pipes shall be so laid as to drain toward the tank without sags or traps in which liquid can collect. They shall be located so that they will not be subjected to physical damage. The tank end of the vent pipe shall enter the tank through the top.

2245. When tank vent piping is manifolded, pipe sizes shall be such as to discharge, within the pressure limitations of the

system, the vapors they may be required to handle when manifolded tanks are filled simultaneously.

NOTE: The manifolding of tank vent piping should be avoided except where required for special purposes such as vapor recovery, vapor conservation or air pollution control. The possible hazards of cross contamination of tank contents should be considered when tanks are manifolded through vent piping.

2250. Tank Openings Other Than Vents.

2251. Connections for all tank openings shall be vapor or liquid tight.

2252. Openings for manual gaging, if independent of the fill pipe, shall be provided with a liquidtight cap or cover. If inside a building, each such opening shall be protected against liquid overflow and possible vapor release by means of a spring loaded check valve or other approved device.

2253. Fill and discharge lines shall enter tanks only through the top. Fill lines shall be sloped toward the tank.

2254. For Class IB and Class IC liquids other than crude oils, gasolines and asphalts, the fill pipe shall be so designed and installed as to minimize the possibility of generating static electricity by terminating within six inches of the bottom of the tank.

2255. Filling and emptying connections which are made and broken shall be located outside of buildings at a location free from any source of ignition and not less than five feet away from any building opening. Such connection shall be closed and liquid-tight when not in use. The connection shall be properly identified.

23. Installation of Tanks Inside of Buildings.

2310. Location: Tanks shall not be permitted inside of buildings except as provided in Chapters V, VII, VIII or IX.

2320. Vents: Vents for tanks inside of buildings shall be as provided in 2140, 2150, 2162 and 2240 except that emergency venting by the use of weak roof seams on tanks shall not be permitted. Vents shall discharge vapors outside the buildings.

2330. Vent Piping: Vent piping shall be constructed in accordance with Chapter III.

2340. Tank Openings Other Than Vents.

2341. Connections for all tank openings shall be vapor or liquidtight. Vents are covered in 2320.

2342. Each connection to a tank inside of buildings through which liquid can normally flow shall be provided with an internal or an external valve located as close as practical to the shell of the tank. Such valves, when external, and their connections to the tank shall be of steel except when the chemical characteristics of the liquid stored are incompatible with steel. When materials other than steel are necessary, they shall be suitable for the pressures, structural stresses and temperatures involved, including fire exposures.

NOTE: Flanged connections are preferred in sizes three inches and larger.

2343. Flammable or combustible liquid tanks located inside of buildings, except in one-story buildings designed and protected for flammable or combustible liquid storage, shall be provided with an automatic-closing heat-actuated valve on each withdrawal connection below the liquid level, except for connections used for emergency disposal, to prevent continued flow in the event of fire in the vicinity of the tank. This function may be incorporated in the valve required in 2342, and if a separate valve, shall be located adjacent to the valve required in 2342.

2344. Openings for manual gaging, if independent of the fill pipe (see 2346), shall be provided with a vaportight cap or cover. Each such opening shall be protected against liquid overflow and possible vapor release by means of a spring loaded check valve or other approved device.

NOTE: Manual gaging of tanks containing Class I liquids should be avoided. Substitutes for manual gaging include, but are not limited to, heavy duty flat gage glasses, magnetic, hydraulic or hydrostatic remote reading devices and sealed float gages.

2345. For Class IB and Class IC liquids other than crude oils, gasolines and asphalts, the fill pipe shall be so designed and installed as to minimize the possibility of generating static electricity by terminating within six inches of the bottom of the tank.

2346. The fill pipe inside of the tank shall be installed to avoid excessive vibration of the pipe.

2347. The inlet of the fill pipe shall be located outside of buildings at a location free from any source of ignition and not less than five feet away from any building opening. The inlet of the fill pipe shall be closed and liquidtight when not in use. The fill connection shall be properly identified.

2348. Tanks inside buildings shall be equipped with a device, or other means shall be provided, to prevent overflow into the building.

NOTE: Suitable devices include, but are not limited to, a float valve, a preset meter on the fill line, a valve actuated by the weight of the tank contents, a low head pump which is incapable of producing overflow, or a liquid-tight overflow pipe at least one pipe size larger than the fill pipe discharging by gravity back to the outside source of liquid or to an approved location.

24. Supports, Foundations and Anchorage for All Tank Locations.

2410. Tank supports shall be installed on firm foundations. Tank supports shall be of concrete, masonry or protected steel. Single wood timber supports (not cribbing) laid horizontally may be used for outside aboveground tanks if not more than 12 inches high at their lowest point.

2420. Steel supports or exposed piling shall be protected by materials having a fire resistance rating of not less than two hours, except that steel saddles need not be protected if less than 12 inches high at their lowest point. At the discretion of the authority having jurisdiction, approved water spray protection or its equivalent may be used in lieu of fire-resistive materials to protect supports.

2430. The design of the supporting structure for tanks such as spheres shall require special engineering consideration.

NOTE: Appendix N of the API Standard 620, Recommended Rules for the Design and Construction of Large, Welded, Low-Pressure Storage Tanks, contains information regarding supporting structures.

2440. Every tank shall be so supported as to prevent the excessive concentration of loads on the supporting portion of the shell.

2450. Tanks shall rest on the ground or on foundations made of concrete, masonry, piling or steel. Tank foundations shall be designed to minimize the possibility of uneven settling of the tank and to minimize corrosion in any part of the tank resting on the foundation.

NOTE: Appendix E of API Standard 650, Specification for Welded Steel Tanks for Oil Storage, and Appendix B of API Standard 620, Recommended Rules for the Design and Construction of Large, Welded, Low-Pressure Storage Tanks, provide information on tank foundations.

2460. Where a tank is located in an area that may be subjected to flooding, the applicable precautions outlined in Appendix B shall be observed.

2470. In areas subject to earthquakes, the tank supports and

connections shall be designed to resist damage as a result of such shocks.

25. Sources of Ignition.

2510. In locations where flammable vapors may be present, precautions shall be taken to prevent ignition by eliminating or controlling sources of ignition. Sources of ignition may include open flames, lightning, smoking, cutting and welding, hot surfaces, frictional heat, sparks (static, electrical and mechanical), spontaneous ignition, chemical and physical-chemical reactions and radiant heat.

NOTE: NFPA No. 77, Static Electricity, and NFPA No. 78, Lightning Protection Code, provide information on such protection.

26. Testing.

2610. All tanks, whether shop-built or field-erected, shall be strength tested before they are placed in service in accordance with the applicable paragraphs of the Code under which they were built. The ASME Code stamp, API monogram, or the label of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. on a tank shall be evidence of compliance with this strength test. Tanks not marked in accordance with the above Codes shall be strength tested before they are placed in service in accordance with good engineering principles and reference shall be made to the sections on testing in the Codes listed in 2031, 2042 or 2052.

2620. When the vertical length of the fill and vent pipes is such that when filled with liquid the static head imposed upon the bottom of the tank exceeds 10 pounds per square inch, the tank and related piping shall be tested hydrostatically to a pressure equal to the static head thus imposed. In special cases where the height of the vent above the top of the tank is excessive, the hydrostatic test pressure shall be specified by the authority having jurisdiction.

2630. In addition to the strength test called for in 2610 and 2620, all tanks and connections shall be tested for tightness. Except for underground tanks, this tightness test shall be made at operating pressure with air, inert gas or water prior to placing the tank in service. In the case of field-erected tanks the strength test may be considered to be the test for tank tightness. Underground tanks and piping, before being covered, enclosed, or placed in use, shall be tested for tightness hydrostatically, or with air pressure at not less than three pounds per square inch and not more than five pounds per square inch. (See 3610 for testing pressure piping.)

2640. All leaks or deformations shall be corrected in an acceptable manner before the tank is placed in service. Mechanical caulking is not permitted for correcting leaks in welded tanks except pin hole leaks in the roof.

2650. Tanks to be operated at pressures below their design pressure may be tested by the applicable provisions of 2610 or 2620 based upon the pressure developed under full emergency venting of the tank.

CHAPTER III. PIPING, VALVES AND FITTINGS.

30. General.

3010. The design (including selection of materials), fabrication, assembly, test and inspection of piping systems containing flammable or combustible liquids shall be suitable for the expected working pressures and structural stresses. Conformity with the applicable provisions or ASA B31 American Standard Code for Pressure Piping, and the provisions of this chapter, shall be considered prima facie evidence of compliance with the foregoing provisions.

3020. This chapter does not apply to any of the following:

(a) Tubing or casing on any oil or gas wells and any piping connected directly thereto.

(b) Motor vehicle, aircraft, boat or portable or stationary engine.

(c) Piping within the scope of any applicable boiler and pressure vessel Code.

3030. Piping systems consist of pipe, tubing, flanges, bolting, gaskets, valves, fittings, the pressure containing parts of other components such as expansion joints and strainers, and devices which serve such purposes as mixing, separating, snubbing, distributing, metering, or controlling flow.

31. Materials for Piping, Valves and Fittings.

3110. Materials for piping, valves or fittings shall be steel or nodular iron* except as provided in 3120, 3130, 3140 and 3150.

3120. Materials other than steel or nodular iron may be used underground or if required by the properties of the flammable or combustible liquid handled.

NOTE: In case of doubt, the supplier, producer of the flammable or combustible liquid, or other competent authority should be consulted as to the suitability of the material of construction to be used.

3130. Material other than steel or nodular iron shall be designed to specifications embodying principles recognized as good engineering design for the material used and shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

*Nodular iron may be used when within the scope of ASTM A 445-66, Ferritic Ductile Iron Castings for Valves, Flanges, Pipe Fittings and Other Piping Components. Available from the American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

3140. Piping, valves and fittings may have combustible or non-combustible linings.

3150. When low melting point materials such as aluminum and brass or materials that soften on fire exposure such as plastics, or nonductile materials such as cast iron, are necessary, special consideration shall be given to their behavior on fire exposure. If such materials are used in aboveground piping systems or inside buildings, they shall be suitably protected against fire exposure or so located that any spill resulting from the failure of these materials could not unduly expose persons, important buildings or structures or can be readily controlled by remote valves.

32. Pipe Joints.

3210. Joints shall be made liquidtight. Welded or screwed joints or approved connectors shall be used. Threaded joints and connections shall be made up tight with a suitable lubricant or piping compound.

3220. Pipe joints dependent upon the friction characteristics of combustible materials for mechanical continuity of piping shall not be used inside buildings. They may be used outside of buildings above or below ground. If used aboveground, the piping shall either be secured to prevent disengagement at the fitting or the piping system shall be so designed that any spill resulting from such disengagement could not unduly expose persons, important buildings or structures, and could be readily controlled by remote valves.

33. Supports.

3310. Piping systems shall be substantially supported and protected against physical damage and excessive stresses arising from settlement, vibration, expansion or contraction.

34. Protection Against Corrosion.

3410. All piping for flammable or combustible liquids, both aboveground and underground, where subject to external corrosion, shall be painted or otherwise protected.

35. Valves.

3510. Piping systems shall contain a sufficient number of valves to operate the system properly and to protect the plant. Piping systems in connection with pumps shall contain a sufficient number of valves to control properly the flow of liquid in normal operation

and in the event of physical damage. Each connection to pipe lines, by which equipment such as tank cars or tank vehicles discharge liquids by means of pumps into storage tanks, shall be provided with a check valve for automatic protection against back-flow if the piping arrangement is such that back-flow from the system is possible.

NOTE: See also 2192.

36. Testing.

3610. All piping before being covered, enclosed or placed in use shall be hydrostatically tested to 150% of the maximum anticipated pressure of the system, or pneumatically tested to 110% of the maximum anticipated pressure of the system, but not less than 5 pounds per square inch gage at the highest point of the system. This test shall be maintained for a sufficient time to complete visual inspection of all joints and connections, but for at least 10 minutes.

CHAPTER IV.

CONTAINER AND PORTABLE TANK STORAGE

40. Scope.

4010. This chapter shall apply only to the storage of flammable or combustible liquids in drums or other containers (including flammable aerosols) not exceeding 60 gallons individual capacity and those portable tanks not exceeding 660 gallons individual capacity.

4020. This chapter shall not apply to the following:

(a) Storage of containers in bulk plants, service stations, refineries, chemical plants and distilleries;

(b) Flammable liquids in the fuel tanks of a motor vehicle, aircraft, boat or portable or stationary engine;

(c) Flammable or combustible paints, oils, varnishes and similar mixtures used for painting or maintenance when not kept for a period in excess of 30 days.

(d) Beverages when packaged in individual containers not exceeding one gallon in size.

41. Design, Construction, and Capacity of Containers.

4110. Only approved containers and portable tanks shall be used. Metal containers and portable tanks meeting the requirements of and containing products authorized by Chapter I, Title 49, of the Code of Federal Regulations (DOT Regulations), shall be deemed to be acceptable.

4120. Each portable tank shall be provided with one or more devices installed in the top with sufficient emergency venting capacity to limit internal pressure under fire exposure conditions to 10 psig, or 30 percent of the bursting pressure of the tank, whichever is greater. The total venting capacity shall be not less than that specified in Paragraph 2153 or 2155. At least one pressure-actuated vent having a minimum capacity of 6,000 cu ft of free air (14.7 psia and 60°F) shall be used. It shall be set to open at not less than 5 psig. If fusible vents are used, they shall be actuated by elements that operate at a temperature not exceeding 300°F.

NOTE: In services such as drying oils, paints, and similar materials where plugging of the pressure-actuated vent may occur, fusible vents or vents of the type that soften to failure at a maximum of 300°F under fire exposure, may be used for the entire emergency venting requirement.

4130. Flammable and combustible liquids packaged for sale or use shall conform to Table IV-1.

Table IV-1.
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SIZE
OF CONTAINERS AND PORTABLE TANKS

CONTAINER TYPE	FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS				COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS
	Class IA	Class IB	Class IC	Class II	Class III
Glass of approved plastic	1 pt.	1 qt.	1 gal.	1 gal.	1 gal.
Metal (Other Than DOT Drums)	1 gal.	5 gal.	5 gal.	5 gal.	5 gal.
Safety Cans	2 gal.	5 gal.	5 gal.	5 gal.	5 gal.
Metal Drums (DOT Spec.)	60 gal.	60 gal.	60 gal.	60 gal.	60 gal.
Approved Portable Tanks	660 gal.	660 gal.	660 gal.	660 gal.	660 gal.

Container Exemptions:

- (a) Medicines, beverages, foodstuffs, cosmetics, and other common consumer items, when packaged according to commonly accepted practices, shall be exempt from the requirements of 4110 and 4130.
- (b) Upon presentation of satisfactory proof that storage of flammable or combustible liquids in metal containers would affect their chemical purity or result in excessive corrosion of the container, the authority having jurisdiction may approve other containers.

42. Design, Construction, and Capacity of Storage Cabinets.

4210. Not more than 60 gallons of flammable or 120 gallons of combustible liquids may be stored in a storage cabinet. When approved by the authority having jurisdiction, three such cabinets may be located in a single fire area.

4220. Storage cabinets shall be designed and constructed to limit the internal temperature to not more than 325° F when subjected to a ten-minute fire test using the standard time temperature curve as set forth in Standard Methods of Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials, No. 251. All joints and seams shall remain tight and the door shall remain securely closed during the fire test. Cabinets shall be labeled in conspicuous lettering, "FLAMMABLE — KEEP FIRE AWAY".

4221. Metal cabinets constructed in the following manner shall be deemed to be in compliance with 4220. The bottom, top, door and sides of cabinet shall be at least No. 18 gage sheet iron and double walled with 1½-inch air space. Joints shall be riveted,

welded or made tight by some equally effective means. The door shall be provided with a three-point lock, and the door sill shall be raised at least two inches above the bottom of the cabinet.

4222. Wooden cabinets constructed in the following manner shall be deemed in compliance with 4220. The bottom, sides and top shall be constructed of an approved grade of plywood at least 1 inch in thickness, which shall not break down or delaminate under fire conditions. All joints shall be rabbetted and shall be fastened in two directions with flathead wood screws. When more than one door is used, there shall be a rabbetted overlap of not less than 1 inch. Hinges shall be mounted in such a manner as to not lose their holding capacity due to loosening or burning out of the screws when subjected to the fire test.

43. Design and Construction of Inside Storage Rooms.

4310. Inside Storage Rooms shall be constructed to meet the required fire-resistive rating for their use. Such construction shall comply with the test specifications set forth in Standard Methods of Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials, No. 251. Where an automatic sprinkler system is provided, the system shall be designed and installed in an approved manner. Openings to other rooms or buildings shall be provided with noncombustible liquid-tight raised sills or ramps at least four inches in height, or the floor in the storage area shall be at least four inches below the surrounding floor. Openings shall be provided with approved self-closing fire doors. The room shall be liquidtight where the walls join the floor. A permissible alternate to the sill or ramp is an open-grated trench inside of the room which drains to a safe location. Where other portions of the building or other properties are exposed, windows shall be protected as set forth in the Standard for Fire Doors and Windows, No. 80, for Class E or F openings. Wood at least one inch nominal thickness may be used for shelving, racks, dunnage, scuffboards, floor overlay and similar installations.

4311. Storage in Inside Storage Rooms shall comply with the following:

FIRE PROTECTION* PROVIDED	FIRE RESISTANCE	MAXIMUM SIZE	TOTAL ALLOWABLE QUANTITIES Gals./sq. ft./floor area
yes	2 hour	500 sq. ft.	10
no	2 hour	500 sq. ft.	4
yes	1 hour	150 sq. ft.	5
no	1 hour	150 sq. ft.	2

*Fire protection system shall be sprinkler, water spray, carbon dioxide or other system approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

4312. Electrical wiring and equipment located in Inside Storage Rooms used for Class I liquids shall be approved for Class I, Division 2 Hazardous Locations; for Class II and Class III liquids, shall be approved for general use.

NOTE: National Electrical Code, No. 70, provides information on the design and installation of electrical equipment.

4313. Every Inside Storage Room shall be provided with either a gravity or a mechanical exhaust ventilation system. Such system shall be designed to provide for a complete change of air within the room at least six times per hour. If mechanical exhaust system is used, it shall be controlled by a switch located outside of the door. The ventilating equipment and any lighting fixtures shall be operated by the same switch. A pilot light shall be installed adjacent to the switch if Class I flammable liquids are dispensed within the room. Where gravity ventilation is provided, the fresh air intake, as well as the exhaust outlet from the room, shall be on the exterior of the building in which the room is located.

4320. Storage in Inside Storage Rooms.

4321. In every Inside Storage Room there shall be maintained one clear aisle at least three feet wide. Containers over 30 gallons capacity shall not be stacked one upon the other. Dispensing shall be by approved pump or self-closing faucet only.

44. Storage Inside Buildings.

4410. Flammable or combustible liquids, including stock for sale, shall not be stored so as to limit use of exits, stairways or areas normally used for the safe egress of people.

4420. The storage of flammable or combustible liquids in containers or portable tanks shall comply with 4430 through 4480, except that the authority having jurisdiction may impose a quantity limitation or require greater protection where unusual hazard to life or property is involved. Increase of these amounts may be authorized where the type of construction, fire protection provided, or other factors substantially reduce the hazard.

4430. Dwellings and Apartment Houses Containing Not More Than Three Dwelling Units and Accompanying Attached and Detached Garages: Storage in excess of 25 gallons shall be prohibited.

4440. Assembly Occupancies, Apartment Houses Containing More Than Three Dwelling Units, and Hotels: Storage in excess of 10 gallons shall be in containers stored in a storage cabinet or in

safety cans or in an Inside Storage Room not having an opening communicating with that portion of the building used by the public.

4450. Office Occupancies: Storage shall be prohibited except that which is required for maintenance and operation of building and operation of equipment. Such storage shall be kept in closed metal containers stored in a storage cabinet or in safety cans or in an Inside Storage Room not having a door that opens into that portion of the building used by the public.

4460. Educational and Institutional Occupancies: Storage shall be limited to that required for maintenance, demonstration, treatment, and laboratory work. All liquids in laboratories and at other points of use shall meet the following storage provisions:

(a) No container shall exceed a capacity of one gallon except that safety cans can be of two gallons capacity.

(b) Not more than 10 gallons of flammable or combustible liquids shall be stored outside of a storage cabinet or storage room, except in safety cans.

(c) Not more than 25 gallons of flammable or combustible liquids shall be stored in safety cans outside of a storage room or storage cabinet.

(d) Quantities of flammable and combustible liquids in excess of those set forth in this section shall be stored in an Inside Storage Room or storage cabinet.

4470. Mercantile Occupancies and Other Retail Stores:

(a) In rooms or areas accessible to the public, storage shall be limited to quantities needed for display and normal merchandising purposes but shall not exceed two gallons per square foot of gross floor area. The gross floor area used for computing the maximum quantity permitted shall be considered as that portion of the store actually being used for merchandising flammable and combustible liquids.

NOTE: Materials needed for display and normal merchandising purposes normally should be restricted to one case of each brand name and each size displayed.

(b) Where the aggregate quantity of additional stock exceeds 60 gallons of Class IA, 120 gallons of Class IB, 180 gallons of Class IC, 240 gallons of Class II, or 500 gallons of combustible liquids or any combination of flammable liquids exceeding 240 gallons shall be stored in a room or portion of the building that complies with the construction provisions for an Inside Storage Room as provided in 43. For water miscible liquids, these quantities may be doubled.

(c) Containers in display area shall not be stacked more than three feet or two containers high, whichever is the greater, unless on fixed shelving or otherwise satisfactorily secured.

Table IV—2.
INDOOR CONTAINER STORAGE

CLASS LIQUID	STORAGE LEVEL	PROTECTED STORAGE*		UNPROTECTED STORAGE	
		MAXIMUM PER PILE Gals. Height (See Note 3)		MAXIMUM PER PILE Gals. Height (See Note 3)	
IA	Ground & Upper Floors	2,750 (50)	3 ft. (1)	660 (12)	3 ft. (1)
	Basement	NOT PERMITTED		NOT PERMITTED	
IB	Ground & Upper Floors	5,500 (100)	6 ft. (2)	1,375 (25)	3 ft. (1)
	Basement	NOT PERMITTED		NOT PERMITTED	
IC	Ground & Upper Floors	16,500 (300)	6 ft. (2)	4,125 (75)	3 ft. (1)
	Basement	NOT PERMITTED		NOT PERMITTED	
II	Ground & Upper Floors	16,500 (300)	9 ft. (3)	4,125 (75)	9 ft. (3)
	Basement	5,500 (100)	9 ft. (3)	NOT PERMITTED	
Combustible	Ground & Upper Floors	55,000 (1,000)	15 ft. (5)	13,750 (250)	12 ft. (4)
	Basement	8,250 (450)	9 ft. (3)	NOT PERMITTED	

*A sprinkler or equivalent fire protection system installed in accordance with the applicable NFPA Standard and approved by the authority having jurisdiction. (Numbers in parentheses indicate corresponding number of 55-gallon drums.)

NOTE 1: When two or more classes of materials are stored in a single pile, the maximum gallonage permitted in that pile shall be the smallest of the two or more separate maximum gallonages.

NOTE 2: Aisles shall be provided so that no container is more than 12 feet from an aisle. Main aisles shall be at least eight feet wide and side aisles at least four feet wide.

NOTE 3: Each pile shall be separated from each other pile by at least four feet. When stored on suitably protected racks or when the storage is suitably protected, containers may be piled up to the height limits in 4490 (c) where approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

(d) Shelving shall be of stable construction, of sufficient depth and arrangement such that containers displayed thereon shall not be easily displaced.

(e) Leaking containers shall be removed to a storage room or taken to a safe location outside the building and the contents transferred to an undamaged container.

4480. General Purpose Public Warehouses: Storage shall be in accordance with Table IV-2 or IV-3 and in buildings or in portions of such buildings cut off by standard fire walls. Material creating no fire exposure hazard to the flammable or combustible liquids may be stored in the same area.

4490. Flammable and Combustible Liquid Warehouses or Storage Buildings:

(a) If storage building is located 50 feet or less from a building or line of adjoining property that may be built upon, the exposing wall shall be a blank wall having a fire-resistance rating of at least two hours. In particular installations, the distance requirements between the storage building and other buildings may be altered at the discretion of the authority having jurisdiction after consideration of the height, size and character of construction and occupancy of the exposed buildings.

NOTE: At the discretion of the authority having jurisdiction, approved fire doors may be installed in a standard manner on the otherwise blank walls.

(b) The total quantity of liquids within a building shall not be restricted, but the arrangement of storage shall comply with Tables IV-2 or IV-3.

(c) Containers in piles shall be separated by pallets or dunnage where necessary to provide stability and to prevent excessive stress on container walls.

(d) Portable tanks stored over one tier high shall be designed to nest securely, without dunnage, and adequate materials handling equipment shall be available to handle tanks safely at the upper tier level.

(e) No pile shall be closer than three feet to the nearest beam, chord, girder or other obstructions, and shall be three feet below sprinkler deflectors or discharge orifices of water spray, or other overhead fire protection systems.

(f) Aisles at least three feet wide shall be provided where necessary for reasons of access to doors, windows or standpipe connections.

Table IV-3.
Indoor Portable Tank Storage

CLASS LIQUID	STORAGE LEVEL	PROTECTED STORAGE* MAXIMUM PER PILE		UNPROTECTED STORAGE MAXIMUM PER PILE	
		Gals.	Height	Gals.	Height
IA	Ground & Upper Floors	NOT PERMITTED		NOT PERMITTED	
	Basement	NOT PERMITTED		NOT PERMITTED	
IB	Ground & Upper Floors	20,000	7 ft.	2,000	7 ft.
	Basement	NOT PERMITTED		NOT PERMITTED	
IC	Ground & Upper Floors	40,000	14 ft.	5,500	7 ft.
	Basement	NOT PERMITTED		NOT PERMITTED	
II	Ground & Upper Floors	40,000	14 ft.	5,500	7 ft.
	Basement	20,000	7 ft.	NOT PERMITTED	
Combustible	Ground & Upper Floors	60,000	14 ft.	22,000	7 ft.
	Basement	20,000	7 ft.	NOT PERMITTED	

* A sprinkler or equivalent fire protection system installed in accordance with the applicable NFPA Standard and approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

NOTE 1: When two or more classes of materials are stored in a single pile, the maximum gallonage permitted in that pile shall be the smallest of the two or more separate maximum gallonages.

NOTE 2: Aisles shall be provided so that no portable tank is more than 12 feet from an aisle. Main aisles shall be at least eight feet wide and side aisles at least four feet wide.

NOTE 3: Each pile shall be separated from each other pile by at least four feet. When stored on suitably protected racks or when the storage is suitably protected, portable tanks may be piled up to the height limits in 4490 (c) where approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

45. Storage Outside Buildings.

4510. Storage outside buildings shall be in accordance with Table IV-4 or IV-5 and 4520 and 4540.

Table IV-4.
OUTDOOR CONTAINER STORAGE

1	2	3	4	5
CLASS	MAXIMUM PER PILE GALLONS (See Note 1)	DISTANCE BETWEEN PILES (See Note 2)	DISTANCE TO PROPERTY LINE THAT CAN BE BUILT UPON (See Notes 3 & 4)	DISTANCE TO STREET, ALLEY, PUBLIC WAY (See Note 4)
IA	1,100	5 ft.	20 ft.	10 ft.
IB	2,200	5 ft.	20 ft.	10 ft.
IC	4,400	5 ft.	20 ft.	10 ft.
II	8,800	5 ft.	10 ft.	5 ft.
Combustible	22,000	5 ft.	10 ft.	5 ft.

NOTE 1: When two or more classes of materials are stored in a single pile, the maximum gallonage in that pile shall be the smallest of the two or more separate gallonages.

NOTE 2: Within 200 feet of each container, there shall be a 12-foot wide access way to permit approach of fire control apparatus.

4520. A maximum of 1,100 gallons of flammable or combustible liquids may be located adjacent to buildings located on the same premises and under the same management provided the provisions of 4521 and 4522 are complied with.

4521. The building shall be a one-story building devoted principally to the handling and storing of flammable or combustible liquids or the building shall have two hour fire-resistive exterior walls having no opening within 10 feet of such storage.

4522. Where quantity stored exceeds 1,100 gallons, or provisions of 4521 cannot be met, a minimum distance of 10 feet between buildings and nearest container of flammable or combustible liquid shall be maintained.

4530. The storage area shall be graded in a manner to divert possible spills away from buildings or other exposures or shall be surrounded by a curb at least six inches high. When curbs are used, provisions shall be made for draining of accumulations of ground or rain water or spills of flammable or combustible liquids. Drains shall terminate at a safe location and shall be accessible to operation under fire conditions.

Table IV-5.

OUTDOOR PORTABLE TANK STORAGE

1	2	3	4	5
CLASS	MAXIMUM PER PILE GALLONS	DISTANCE BETWEEN PILES	DISTANCE TO PROPERTY LINE THAT CAN BE BUILT UPON	DISTANCE TO STREET, ALLEY, PUBLIC WAY
IA	2,200	5 ft.	20 ft.	10 ft.
IB	4,400	5 ft.	20 ft.	10 ft.
IC	8,800	5 ft.	20 ft.	10 ft.
II	17,600	5 ft.	10 ft.	5 ft.
Combustible	44,000	5 ft.	10 ft.	5 ft.

NOTE 1: When two or more classes of materials are stored in a single pile, the maximum gallonage in that pile shall be the smallest of the two or more separate gallonages.

NOTE 2: Within 200 feet of each portable tank, there shall be a 12-foot wide access way to permit approach of fire control apparatus.

NOTE 3: The distances listed apply to properties that have protection for exposures as defined. If there are exposures, and such protection for exposures does not exist, the distances in column four shall be doubled.

NOTE 4: When total quantity stored does not exceed 50% of maximum per pile, the distances in columns four and five may be reduced 50%, but not less than three feet.

4540. Storage area shall be protected against tampering or trespassers where necessary and shall be kept free of weeds, debris and other combustible material not necessary to the storage.

46. Fire Control.

4610. Suitable fire control devices, such as small hose or portable fire extinguishers, shall be available at locations where flammable or combustible liquids are stored.

4611. At least one portable fire extinguisher having a rating of not less than 12-B units shall be located outside of, but not more than 10 feet from, the door opening into any room used for storage.

4612. At least one portable fire extinguisher having a rating of not less than 12-B units shall be located not less than 10 feet, nor more than 25 feet, from any flammable liquid storage area located outside of a storage room but inside a building.

4620. When sprinklers are provided, they shall be installed in an approved manner.

NOTE: The Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, No. 13, provides information on the installation of sprinkler systems.

4630. Open flames and smoking shall not be permitted in flammable or combustible liquid storage areas.

4640. Materials which will react with water shall not be stored in the same room with flammable or combustible liquids.

CHAPTER V. INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

50. Scope.

5010. This chapter shall apply to those industrial plants where (1) the use of flammable or combustible liquids is incidental to the principal business, see 51; or (2) where flammable or combustible liquids are handled or used only in unit physical operations such as mixing, drying, evaporating, filtering, distillation, and similar operations which do not involve chemical reaction, see 52. This chapter shall not apply to chemical plants, refineries or distilleries, as defined, which are covered in Chapter IX, Refineries, Chemical Plants and Distilleries.

5020. Where portions of such plants involve chemical reactions such as oxidation, reduction, halogenation, hydrogenation, alkylation, polymerization, and other chemical processes, those portions of the plant shall be in accordance with Chapter VIII, Processing Plants.

51. Incidental Storage or Use of Flammable and Combustible Liquids.

5110. Article 51 shall be applicable to those portions of an industrial plant where the use and handling of flammable or combustible liquids is only incidental to the principal business, such as automobile assembly, construction of electronic equipment, furniture manufacturing or other similar activities.

5120. Flammable or combustible liquids shall be stored in tanks or closed containers.

5121. Except as provided in 5122 and 5123, all storage shall comply with 42 or 43 of Chapter IV, Container Storage.

5122. The quantity of liquid that may be located outside of an inside storage room or storage cabinet in a building or in any one fire area of a building shall not exceed that given in (a), (b) and (c) below:

- (a) 25 gallons of Class IA liquids in containers
- (b) 120 gallons of Class IB, IC, II or III liquids in containers
- (c) 660 gallons of Class IB, IC, II or III liquids in a single portable tank.

5123. Where large quantities of flammable or combustible liquids are necessary, storage may be in tanks which shall comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter II, Tank Storage.

5130. Areas in which flammable or combustible liquids are transferred from one tank or container to another container shall be separated from other operations in the building by adequate distance or by construction having adequate fire resistance. Drainage or other means shall be provided to control spills. Adequate natural or mechanical ventilation shall be provided.

NOTE: Standard on Blower and Exhaust Systems for Dust, Stock and Vapor Removal, No. 91, provides information on the design and installation of mechanical ventilation.

5140. Handling Liquids at Point of Final Use.

5141. Flammable liquids shall be kept in covered containers when not actually in use.

5142. Where flammable or combustible liquids are used or handled, except in closed containers, means shall be provided to dispose promptly and safely of leakage or spills.

5143. Class I liquids may be used only where there are no open flames or other sources of ignition within the possible path of vapor travel.

5144. Flammable or combustible liquids shall be drawn from or transferred into vessels, containers or portable tanks within a building only through a closed piping system, from safety cans, by means of a device drawing through the top, or from a container or portable tanks by gravity through an approved self-closing valve. Transferring by means of air pressure on the container or portable tanks shall be prohibited.

52. Unit Physical Operations.

5210. Article 52 shall be applicable in those portions of industrial plants where flammable or combustible liquids are handled or used in unit physical operations such as mixing, drying, evaporating, filtering, distillation, and similar operations which do not involve chemical change. Examples are plants compounding cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, solvents, cleaning fluids, insecticides and similar types of activities.

5220. Industrial plants shall be located so that each building or unit of equipment is accessible from at least one side for fire fighting and fire control purposes. Buildings shall be located with respect to lines of adjoining property which may be built upon as set forth in 8110 and 8111, except that the blank wall referred to in 8111 shall have a fire resistance rating of at least two hours.

5230. Areas where unstable liquids are handled or small scale unit chemical processes are carried on shall be separated from the remainder of the plant by a fire wall of two-hour minimum fire resistance rating.

5240. Drainage.

5241. Emergency drainage systems shall be provided to direct flammable or combustible liquid leakage and fire protection water to a safe location. This may require curbs, scuppers, or special drainage systems to control the spread of fire, see 2172.

Note: Appendix A of Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection, No. 15, provides information on such protection.

5242. Emergency drainage systems, if connected to public sewers or discharged into public waterways, shall be equipped with traps or separators.

5243. The industrial plant shall be designed and operated to prevent the normal discharge of flammable or combustible liquids into public waterways, public sewers, or adjoining property.

5250. Ventilation.

5251. Areas as defined in 5210 using Class I liquids shall be ventilated at a rate of not less than one cubic foot per minute per square foot of solid floor area. This shall be accomplished by natural or mechanical ventilation with discharge or exhaust to a safe location outside of the building. Provision shall be made for introduction of make-up air in such a manner as not to short circuit the ventilation. Ventilation shall be arranged to include all floor areas or pits where flammable vapors may collect.

NOTE: Local or spot general ventilation may be needed for the control of special fire or health hazards. Such ventilation, if provided, may be utilized for up to 75% of the required ventilation. Standard on Blower and Exhaust Systems for Dust, Stock and Vapor Removal, No. 91, and Air Conditioning and Ventilating Systems of Other Than Residence Type, No. 90A, provide information on this subject.

5252. Equipment used in a building and the ventilation of the building shall be designed so as to limit flammable vapor-air mixtures under normal operating conditions to the interior of equipment, and to not more than five feet from equipment which exposes Class I liquids to the air. Examples of such equipment are dispensing stations, open centrifuges, plate and frame filters, open vacuum filters, and surfaces of open equipment.

5260. The storage, transfer and handling of liquids shall comply with 83 of Chapter VIII, Processing Plants.

53. Tank Vehicle and Tank Car Loading and Unloading.

5310. Tank vehicle and tank car loading or unloading facilities shall be separated from aboveground tanks, warehouses, other plant buildings or nearest line of adjoining property which may be built upon by a distance of 25 feet for Class I liquids and 15 feet for Class II and Class III liquids measured from the nearest position of any fill stem. Buildings for pumps or shelters for personnel may be a part of the facility. Operations of the facility shall comply with the appropriate portions of 62 of Chapter VI, Bulk Plants.

54. Fire Control.

5410. Portable fire extinguishment and control equipment shall be provided in such quantities and types as are needed for the special hazards of operation and storage.

NOTE: Portable Fire Extinguishers, No. 10, provides information as to the suitability of various types of extinguishers and their number and location.

5420. Water shall be available in volume and at adequate pressure to supply water hose streams, foam-producing equipment, automatic sprinklers or water spray systems as the need is indicated by the special hazards of operation, dispensing and storage.

5430. Special extinguishing equipment such as that utilizing foam, inert gas, or dry chemical shall be provided as the need is indicated by the special hazards of operation dispensing and storage.

5440. Where the need is indicated by special hazards of operation, flammable or combustible liquid processing equipment, major piping, and supporting steel shall be protected by approved water spray systems, deluge systems, approved fire resistant coatings, insulation or any combination of these.

Note: Sprinkler Systems, No. 13, and Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection, No. 15, provide information on this subject.

5450. An approved fire alarm system is recommended for prompt notification of fire. Where service is available, it is recommended that a public fire alarm box be located nearby. It may be advisable to connect the plant system with the public system.

NOTE: Proprietary Signaling Systems, No. 72D, provides information on this subject.

5460. All plant fire protection facilities shall be adequately maintained and periodically inspected and tested to make sure they are

always in satisfactory operating condition, and they will serve their purpose in time of emergency.

55. Sources of Ignition.

5510. Adequate precautions shall be taken to prevent the ignition of flammable vapors. Sources of ignition include but are not limited to open flames; lightning; smoking; cutting and welding; hot surfaces; frictional heat; static, electrical and mechanical sparks; spontaneous ignition, including heat-producing chemical reactions; and radiant heat.

5520. Class I liquids shall not be dispensed into containers unless the nozzle and container are electrically interconnected. Where the metallic floorplate on which the container stands while filling is electrically connected to the fill stem or where the fill stem is bonded to the container during filling operations by means of a bond wire, the provisions of this section shall be deemed to have been complied with.

NOTE: Static Electricity, No. 77, provides information on static protection; Lightning Protection Code No. 78, provides information on lightning protection.

56. Electrical.

5610. Equipment.

5611. All electrical wiring and equipment shall be installed in accordance with nationally recognized good practice.

NOTE: National Electrical Code, No. 70, provides information on such installations.

5612. Locations where flammable vapor-air mixtures may exist under normal operations shall be classified Class I, Division 1. For those pieces of equipment installed in accordance with 5252, the Division 1 area shall extend five feet in all directions from all points of vapor liberation. All areas within pits shall be classified Division 1 if any part of the pit is within a Division 1 or 2 classified area, unless the pit is provided with mechanical ventilation.

5613. Locations where flammable vapor-air mixtures may exist under abnormal conditions and for a distance beyond Division 1 locations shall be classified Division 2. These locations include an area within 20 feet horizontally, three feet vertically beyond a Division 1 area, and up to three feet above floor or grade level within 25 feet, if indoors, or 10 feet if outdoors, from any pump, bleeder, withdrawal fitting, meter, or similar device handling Class I liquids. Pits provided with adequate mechanical ventilation within a Division 1 or 2 area shall be classified Division 2. If Class II or Class III liquids only are handled, then ordinary elec-

trical equipment is satisfactory though care shall be used in locating electrical apparatus to prevent hot metal from falling into open equipment.

NOTE: The release of heated flammable or combustible liquids or unheated Class I flammable liquids may generate vapors to the extent that the entire building, and possibly a zone surrounding it, should be considered a Class I, Division 2 location.

5614. Where the provisions of 5611, 5612, and 5613 require the installation of electrical equipment suitable for Class I, Division 1 or Division 2 locations, ordinary electrical equipment including switchgear may be used if installed in a room or enclosure which is maintained under positive pressure with respect to the hazardous area. Ventilation make-up air shall be uncontaminated by flammable vapors.

57. Repairs to Equipment.

5710. Hot work, such as welding or cutting operations, use of spark-producing power tools, and chipping operations shall be permitted only under supervision of an individual in responsible charge. The individual in responsible charge shall make an inspection of the area to be sure that it is safe for the work to be done and that safe procedures will be followed for the work specified.

NOTE: Cleaning or Safeguarding Small Tanks and Containers, No. 327, and Solvent Extraction Plants, No. 36, provide information on such operations.

58. Housekeeping.

5810. Maintenance and operating practices shall be in accordance with established procedures which will tend to control leakage and prevent the accidental escape of flammable or combustible liquids. Spills shall be cleaned up promptly.

5820. Adequate aisles shall be maintained for unobstructed movement of personnel and so that fire protection equipment can be brought to bear on any part of flammable or combustible liquid storage, use, or any unit physical operation.

5830. Combustible waste material and residues in a building or unit operating area shall be kept to a minimum, stored in covered metal receptacles and disposed of daily.

5840. Ground area around buildings and unit operating areas shall be kept free of weeds, trash or other unnecessary combustible materials.

CHAPTER VI. BULK PLANTS.

60. Storage.

6010. Class I liquids shall be stored in closed containers, or in storage tanks aboveground outside of buildings, or underground in accordance with Chapter II.

6020. Class II and Class III liquids shall be stored in containers, or in tanks within buildings or aboveground outside of buildings, or underground in accordance with Chapter II.

6030. Containers of flammable or combustible liquids when piled one upon the other shall be separated by dunnage sufficient to provide stability and to prevent excessive stress on container walls. The height of pile shall be consistent with stability and strength of containers.

61. Buildings.

6110. Exits: Rooms in which flammable or combustible liquids are stored or handled by pumps, shall have exit facilities arranged to prevent occupants being trapped in the event of fire.

NOTE: NFPA No. 101, Life Safety Code provides information on the number and location of exits.

6120. Heating: Rooms in which Class I liquids are stored or handled shall be heated only by means not constituting a source of ignition, such as steam or hot water. Rooms containing heating appliances involving sources of ignition shall be located and arranged to prevent entry of flammable vapors.

6130. Ventilation.

6131. Ventilation shall be provided for all rooms, buildings, or enclosures in which Class I liquids are pumped or dispensed. Design of ventilation systems shall take into account the relatively high specific gravity of the vapors. Ventilation may be provided by adequate openings in outside walls at floor level unobstructed except by louvers or coarse screens. Where natural ventilation is inadequate, mechanical ventilation shall be provided.

NOTE: NFPA No. 91, Standard for the Installation of Blower and Exhaust Systems, provides information on the installation of mechanical exhaust systems.

6132. Class I liquids shall not be stored or handled within a building having a basement or pit into which flammable vapors may travel, unless such area is provided with ventilation designed to prevent the accumulation of flammable vapors therein.

6133. Containers of Class I liquids shall not be drawn from or filled within buildings unless provision is made to prevent the accumulation of flammable vapors in hazardous concentrations. Where mechanical ventilation is required, it shall be kept in operation while flammable liquids are being handled.

62. Loading and Unloading Facilities.

6210. Tank vehicle and tank car loading or unloading facilities shall be separated from aboveground tanks, warehouses, other plant buildings or nearest line of adjoining property that may be built upon by a distance of 25 feet for Class I liquids and 15 feet for Class II and Class III liquids measured from the nearest position of any fill spout. Buildings for pumps or shelters for personnel may be a part of the facility.

6220. Equipment such as piping, pumps, and meters used for the transfer of Class I liquids between storage tanks and the fill stem of the loading rack shall not be used for the transfer of Class II or Class III liquids.

6230. Valves used for the final control for filling tank vehicles shall be of the self-closing type and manually held open except where automatic means are provided for shutting off the flow when the vehicle is full or after filling of a preset amount.

6240. **STATIC PROTECTION:** Bonding facilities for protection against static sparks during the loading of tank vehicles through open domes shall be provided (a) where Class I liquids are loaded, or (b) where Class II or Class III liquids are loaded into vehicles which may contain vapors from previous cargoes of Class I liquids.

6241. Protection as required in 6240 shall consist of a metallic bond wire permanently electrically connected to the fill stem or to some part of the rack structure in electrical contact with the fill stem. The free end of such wire shall be provided with a clamp or equivalent device for convenient attachment to some metallic part in electrical contact with the cargo tank of the tank vehicle.

6242. Such bonding connection shall be made fast to the vehicle or tank before dome covers are raised and shall remain in place until filling is completed and all dome covers have been closed and secured.

6243. Bonding as specified in 6240, 6241 and 6242 is not required: (a) where vehicles are loaded exclusively with products not having a static accumulating tendency, such as asphalt, most crude oils, residual oils and water soluble liquids; (b) where no Class I liquids are handled at the loading facility and the tank vehicles

loaded are used exclusively for Class II and Class III liquids; and (c) where vehicles are loaded or unloaded through closed bottom or top connections.

NOTE: Since there is no release of vapor where a spark could occur, bonding is not necessary and the hose or pipe can be conducting or nonconducting.

6244. Filling through open domes into the tanks of tank vehicles or tank cars, that contain vapor-air mixtures within the flammable range or where the liquid being filled can form such a mixture, shall be by means of a downspout which extends near the bottom of the tank. This precaution is not required when loading liquids which are nonaccumulators of static charges.

NOTE: Static Electricity, No. 77, provides additional information on static electricity protection.

6250. Stray Currents: Tank car loading facilities where Class I liquids are loaded through open domes shall be protected against stray currents by bonding the pipe to at least one rail and to the rack structure if of metal. Multiple lines entering the rack area shall be electrically bonded together. In addition, in areas where excessive stray currents are known to exist, all pipe entering the rack area shall be provided with insulating sections to electrically isolate the rack piping from the pipelines. No bonding between the tank car and the rack or piping is required during either loading or unloading of Class II or III liquids.

6260. Container Filling Facilities: Class I liquids shall not be dispensed into containers unless the nozzle and container are electrically interconnected. Where the metallic floorplate on which the container stands while filling is electrically connected to the fill stem or where the fill stem is bonded to the container during filling operations by means of a bond wire, the provisions of this section shall be deemed to have been complied with.

63. Wharves

6310. The term wharf shall mean any wharf, pier, bulkhead or other structure over or contiguous to navigable water used in conjunction with a bulk plant, the primary function of which is the transfer of flammable or combustible liquid cargo in bulk between the bulk plant and any tank vessel, ship, barge, lighter boat or other mobile floating craft; and this article shall apply to all such installations except Marine Service Stations as covered in Chapter VII.

6311. Package cargo of flammable and combustible liquids, including full and empty drums, bulk fuel and stores may be

handled over a wharf and at such times and places as may be agreed upon by the wharf superintendent and the senior deck officer on duty.

6312. Wharves at which flammable or combustible liquid cargoes are to be transferred in bulk quantities to or from tank vessels shall be at least 100 feet from any bridge over a navigable waterway, or from an entrance to or superstructure of any vehicular or railroad tunnel under a waterway. The termination of the wharf loading or unloading fixed piping shall be at least 200 feet from a bridge or from an entrance to or superstructure of a tunnel.

6320. Substructure and deck shall be substantially designed for the use intended. Deck may employ any material which will afford the desired combination of flexibility, resistance to shock, durability, strength and fire resistance. Heavy timber construction is acceptable.

NOTE: The general principles of the Standard for the Construction and Protection of Piers and Wharves, NFPA No. 87, should be followed where applicable, particularly as to fixed fire protection systems and structural barriers against the spread of fire.

6330. Tanks used exclusively for ballast water or Class II or Class III liquids may be installed on suitably designed wharves.

6340. Loading pumps capable of building up pressures in excess of the safe working pressure of cargo hose or loading arms shall be provided with by-passes, relief valves, or other arrangement to protect the loading facilities against excessive pressure. Relief devices shall be tested at not more than yearly intervals to determine that they function satisfactorily at the pressure at which they are set.

6341. All pressure hoses and couplings shall be inspected at intervals appropriate to the service. With the hose extended, test the hose and couplings using the "in service maximum operating pressures." Any hose showing material deteriorations, signs of leakage, or weakness in its carcass or at the couplings shall be withdrawn from service and repaired or discarded.

6350. Piping, valves and fittings shall be in accordance with Chapter III, with the following exceptions and additions:

6351. Flexibility of piping shall be assured by appropriate layout and arrangement of piping supports so that motion of the wharf structure resulting from wave action, currents, tides or the

mooring of vessels will not subject the pipe to repeated strain beyond the elastic limit.

6352. Pipe joints depending upon the friction characteristics of combustible materials or grooving of pipe ends for mechanical continuity of piping shall not be used.

6353. Swivel joints may be used in piping to which hoses are connected, and for articulated swivel-joint transfer systems, provided that the design is such that the mechanical strength of the joint will not be impaired if the packing material should fail, as by exposure to fire.

6354. Piping systems shall contain a sufficient number of valves to operate the system properly and to control the flow of liquid in normal operation and in the event of physical damage.

6355. In addition to the requirements of 6354, each line conveying flammable liquids leading to a wharf shall be provided with a readily accessible block valve located on shore near the approach to the wharf and outside of any diked area. Where more than one line is involved, the valves shall be grouped in one location.

6356. Means of easy access shall be provided for cargo line valves located below the wharf deck.

6357. Pipe lines on flammable or combustible liquids wharves shall be adequately bonded and grounded. If excessive stray currents are encountered, insulating joints shall be installed. Bonding and grounding connections on all pipe lines shall be located on wharf side of hose riser insulating flanges, if used, and shall be accessible for inspection.

6358. Hose or articulated swivel-joint pipe connections used for cargo transfer shall be capable of accommodating the combined effects of change in draft and maximum tidal range, and mooring lines shall be kept adjusted to prevent surge of the vessel from placing stress on the cargo transfer system.

6359. Hose shall be supported so as to avoid kinking and damage from chafing.

6360. Suitable portable fire extinguishers with a rating of not less than 12-BC shall be located within 75 feet of those portions of the facility where fires are likely to occur, such as hose connections, pumps and separator tanks.

6361. Where piped water is available, ready-connected fire hose in size appropriate for the water supply shall be provided so that manifolds where connections are made and broken can be reached by at least one hose stream.

6362. Material shall not be placed on wharves in such a manner as to obstruct access to fire fighting equipment or important pipe line control valves.

6363. Where the wharf is accessible to vehicle traffic, an unobstructed roadway to the shore end of the wharf shall be maintained for access of fire fighting apparatus.

6370. Loading or discharging shall not commence until wharf superintendent and officer in charge of tank vessel agree that tank vessel is properly moored and all connections are properly made.

6371. Mechanical work shall not be performed on the wharf during cargo transfer, except under special authorization based on a review of the area involved, methods to be employed, and precautions necessary.

64. Electrical Equipment.

6410. This article shall apply to areas where Class I liquids are stored or handled. For areas where Class II or Class III liquids only are stored or handled, the electrical equipment may be installed in accordance with the provisions of the National Electrical Code, NFPA No. 70, for ordinary locations.

6420. All electrical equipment and wiring shall be of a type specified by and shall be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code.

6430. So far as it applies Table VI-9 shall be used to delineate and classify hazardous areas for the purpose of installation of electrical equipment under normal circumstances. In Table VI-9 a classified area shall not extend beyond an unpierced wall, roof or other solid partition.

NOTE: The designation of classes and divisions is defined in Chapter 5, Article 500, of the National Electrical Code.

6440. The area classifications listed in 6430 shall be based on the premise that the installation meets the applicable requirements of the Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code in all respects. Should this not be the case, the authority having jurisdiction shall have the authority to classify the extent of the hazardous area.

65. Sources of Ignition.

6510. Class I liquids shall not be handled, drawn, or dispensed where flammable vapors may reach a source of ignition. Smoking shall be prohibited except in designated localities. "NO SMOKING" signs shall be conspicuously posted where hazard from flammable liquids vapors is normally present.

66. Drainage and Waste Disposal.

6610.⁹ Provision shall be made to prevent flammable or combustible liquids which may be spilled at loading or unloading points from entering public sewers and drainage systems, or natural waterways. Connection to such sewers, drains, or waterways by which flammable or combustible liquids might enter shall be provided with separator boxes or other approved means whereby such entry is precluded. Crankcase drainings and flammable or combustible liquids shall not be dumped into sewers, but shall be stored in tanks or tight drums outside of any building until removed from the premises.

67. Fire Control.

6710. Suitable fire-control devices, such as small hose or portable fire extinguishers, shall be available to locations where fires are likely to occur. Additional fire-control equipment may be required where a tank of more than 50,000 gallons individual capacity contains Class I liquids and where an unusual exposure hazard exists from surrounding property. Such additional fire-control equipment shall be sufficient to extinguish a fire in the largest tank. The design and amount of such equipment shall be in accordance with approved engineering standards.

Table VI-9 — Electrical Equipment Hazardous Areas — Bulk Plants

Location	NEC Class I Group D Division	Extent of Classified Area
TANK VEHICLE AND TANK CAR* Loading Through Open Dome	1	Within 3 feet of edge of dome, extending in all directions.
	2	Area between 3 feet and 5 feet from edge of dome, extending in all directions.
Loading Through Bottom Connections With Atmo- spheric Venting	1	Within 3 feet of point of venting to atmosphere extending in all directions.
	2	Area between 3 feet and 5 feet from point of venting to atmosphere, extending in all directions. Also up to 18 inches above grade within a horizontal radius of 10 feet from point of loading connection.
Loading Through Closed Dome With Atmospheric Venting	1	Within 3 feet of open end of vent, extending in all directions.
	2	Area between 3 feet and 5 feet from open end of vent, extending in all directions. Also within 3 feet of edge of dome, extending in all directions.
Loading Through Closed Dome With Vapor Recovery	2	Within 3 feet of point of connection of both fill and vapor lines, extending in all directions.
Bottom Loading With Vapor Recovery or Any Bottom Unloading	2	Within 3 feet of point of connections extending in all directions. Also up to 18 inches above grade within a horizontal radius of 10 feet from point of connection.

*When classifying extent of area, consideration shall be given to fact that tank cars or tank vehicles may be spotted at varying points. Therefore, the extremities of the loading or unloading positions shall be used.

Table VI-9 — Continued

Location	NEC Class I, Group D Division	Extent of Classified Area
DRUM AND CONTAINER FILLING		
Outdoors, or Indoors With Adequate Ventilation	1	Within 3 feet of vent and fill opening, extending in all directions.
°	2	Area between 3 feet and 5 feet from vent or fill opening, extending in all directions. Also up to 18 inches above floor or grade level within a horizontal radius of 10 feet from vent or fill opening.
Outdoors, or Indoors With Adequate Ventilation	1	Within 3 feet of vent and fill opening, extending in all directions.
	2	Area between 3 feet and 5 feet from vent or fill opening, extending in all directions. Also up to 18 inches above floor or grade level within a horizontal radius of 10 feet from vent or fill opening.
TANK — ABOVEGROUND*		
Shell, Ends, or Roof and Dike Area	2	Within 10 feet from shell, ends, or roof of tank. Area inside dikes to level of top of dike.
Vent	1	Within 5 feet of open end of vent, extending in all directions.
	2	Area between 5 feet and 10 feet from open end of vent, extending in all directions.
Floating Roof	1	Area above the roof and within the shell.
PITS		
Without Mechanical Ventilation	1	Entire area within pit if any part is within a Division 1 or 2 classified area.
With Mechanical Ventilation	2	Entire area within pit if any part is within a Division 1 or 2 classified area.
Containing Valves, Fit- tings or Piping, and Not Within a Division 1 or 2 Classified Area	2	Entire pit.

*For Tanks — Underground, see Article 74 of Chapter VII.

Table VI-9 — Continued

Location	NEC Class I, Group D Division	Extent of Classified Area
PUMPS, BLEEDERS, WITHDRAWAL FITTINGS, METERS AND SIMILAR DEVICES		
Indoors	2	Within 5 feet of any edge of such devices, extending in all directions. Also up to 3 feet above floor or grade level within 25 feet horizontally from any edge of such devices.
Outdoors	2	Within 3 feet of any edge of such devices, extending in all directions. Also up to 18 inches above grade level within 10 feet horizontally from any edge of such devices.
STORAGE AND REPAIR GARAGE FOR TANK VEHICLES	1	All pits or spaces below floor level.
	2	Area up to 18 inches above floor or grade level for entire storage or repair garage.
DRAINAGE DITCHES, SEPARATORS, IMPOUNDING BASINS	2	Area up to 18 inches above ditch, separator or basin. Also up to 18 inches above grade within 15 feet horizontally from any edge.
GARAGES FOR OTHER THAN TANK VEHICLES	Ordinary	If there is any opening to these rooms within the extent of an outdoor classified area, the entire room shall be classified the same as the area classification at the point of the opening.
OUTDOOR DRUM STORAGE	Ordinary	
INDOOR WAREHOUSING WHERE THERE IS NO FLAMMABLE LIQUID TRANSFER	Ordinary	If there is any opening to these rooms within the extent of an indoor classified area, the room shall be classified the same as if the wall, curb or partition did not exist.
OFFICE AND REST ROOMS	Ordinary	

CHAPTER VII. SERVICE STATIONS

70. Storage and Handling.

7010. General Provisions.

7011. Liquids shall be stored in approved closed containers not exceeding 60 gallons capacity, in tanks located underground, in tanks in special enclosures as described in 7020, or in aboveground tanks as provided for in 7321, 7322, and 7323.

7012. Aboveground tanks, located in an adjoining bulk plant, may be connected by piping to service station underground tanks if, in addition to valves at aboveground tanks, a valve is also installed within control of service station personnel.

7013. Apparatus dispensing Class I liquids into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles of the public shall not be located at a bulk plant unless separated by a fence or similar barrier from the area in which bulk operations are conducted.

7014. The provisions of 7011 shall not prohibit the temporary use of movable tanks in conjunction with the dispensing of flammable or combustible liquids into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles or other motorized equipment on premises not normally accessible to the public. Such installations shall only be made under permit from the enforcing authority. The permit shall include a definite time limit.

7015. The provisions of 7011 shall not prohibit the dispensing of flammable liquids in the open from a tank vehicle to a motor vehicle. Such dispensing shall be permitted provided:

(a) The tank vehicle complies with the requirements covered in the Standard on Tank Vehicles for Flammable Liquids, No. 385.

(b) The dispensing is done on premises not open to the public.

(c) The motor vehicles are owned or operated by a commercial, industrial or governmental agency.

(d) The dispensing hose does not exceed 50 feet in length.

(e) The dispensing nozzle is a listed automatic-closing type without a latch-open device.

(f) An inspection of the premises and operations has been made and approval granted by the authority having jurisdiction.

7016. Class I liquids shall not be stored or handled within a building having a basement or pit into which flammable vapors may travel, unless such area is provided with ventilation designed to prevent the accumulation of flammable vapors therein.

7017. Accurate inventory records shall be maintained and reconciled on all Class I liquid storage tanks for possible indication of leakage from tanks or piping.

7020. Special Enclosures.

7021. When installation of tanks in accordance with 22 is impractical because of property or building limitations, tanks for flammable or combustible liquids may be installed in buildings if enclosed and upon specific approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

7022. Enclosure shall be substantially liquid and vaportight without backfill. Sides, top and bottom of the enclosure shall be of reinforced concrete at least six inches thick, with openings for inspection through the top only. Tank connections shall be so piped or closed that neither vapors nor liquid can escape into the enclosed space. Means shall be provided whereby portable equipment may be employed to discharge to the outside any liquid or vapors which might accumulate should leakage occur.

7023. At automotive service stations provided in connection with tenant or customer parking facilities at or below grade level in large buildings of commercial, mercantile or residential occupancy, tanks containing Class I liquids, installed of necessity in accordance with 7022, shall not exceed 6,000 gallons individual or 18,000 gallons aggregate capacity.

7030. Inside Buildings.

7031. Except where stored in tanks as provided in 7020, no Class I liquids shall be stored within any service station building except in closed containers of aggregate capacity not exceeding 120 gallons. One container not exceeding 60 gallons capacity equipped with an approved pump is permitted.

7032. Class I liquids may be transferred from one container to another in lubrication or service rooms of a service station building provided the electrical installation complies with Table VII-1 and provided that any heating equipment complies with 75. See also 7710 for other possible sources of ignition.

7033. Class II and Class III liquids may be stored and dispensed inside service station buildings from tanks of not more than

120 gallons capacity each.

7040. Labeling: No sale or purchase of any Class I, II or III liquids shall be made in containers unless such containers are clearly marked with the name of the product contained therein.

7050. Dispensing into Portable Containers: No delivery of any Class I liquids shall be made into portable containers unless the container is constructed of metal or is approved by the authority having jurisdiction, has a tight closure with screwed or spring cover, and is fitted with a spout or so designed that the contents can be poured without spilling.

71. Attendance or Supervision of Dispensing.

7110. Each service station open to the public shall have an attendant or supervisor on duty whenever the station is open for business.

7120. Service stations not accessible to or open to the public do not require an attendant or supervisor. Such stations may be used by commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.

72. Dispensing Systems.

7210. Location: Dispensing devices at automotive service stations shall be so located that all parts of the vehicle being served will be on the premises of the service station.

7211. Inside Location: Approved dispensing units may be located inside of buildings upon specific approval of the authority having jurisdiction. The dispensing area shall be separated from other areas in a manner approved by the authority having jurisdiction. The dispensing unit and its piping shall be mounted either on a concrete island or protected against collision damage by suitable means and shall be located in a position where it cannot be struck by a vehicle descending a ramp or other slope out of control. The dispensing area shall be provided with an approved mechanical or gravity ventilation system. When dispensing units are located below grade, only approved mechanical ventilation shall be used and the entire dispensing area shall be protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system. Ventilating systems shall be electrically interlocked with gasoline dispensing units so that the dispensing units cannot be operated unless the ventilating fan motors are energized.

7220. Emergency Power Cutoff: A clearly identified and easily accessible switch(es) or a circuit breaker(s) shall be provided at a location remote from dispensing devices, including remote pumping systems, to shut off the power to all dispensing devices in the event of an emergency.

7230. Dispensing Units.

7231. Class I liquids shall be transferred from tanks by means of fixed pumps so designed and equipped as to allow control of the flow and to prevent leakage or accidental discharge.

7232. Dispensing devices for Class I liquids shall be of approved type.

NOTE: Devices meeting the standards of the Underwriters' Laboratories Inc. may be deemed to be in compliance with this section.

7233. Class I liquids shall not be dispensed by pressure from drums, barrels, and similar containers. Approved pumps taking suction through the top of the container or approved self-closing faucets shall be used.

7234. The dispensing units, except those attached to containers, shall be mounted either on a concrete island or protected against collision damage by suitable means.

7240. Remote Pumping Systems.

7241. This section shall apply to systems for dispensing Class I liquids where such liquids are transferred from storage to individual or multiple dispensing units by pumps located elsewhere than at the dispensing units.

7242. Pumps shall be designed or equipped so that no part of the system will be subjected to pressures above its allowable working pressure. Pumps installed above grade, outside of buildings, shall be located not less than ten feet from lines of adjoining property which may be built upon, and not less than five feet from any building opening. When an outside pump location is impractical, pumps may be installed inside of buildings as provided for dispensers in 7211, or in pits as provided in 7243. Pumps shall be substantially anchored and protected against physical damage by vehicles.

7243. Pits for subsurface pumps or piping manifolds of submersible pumps shall withstand the external forces to which they may be subjected without damage to the pump, tank, or piping. The pit shall be no larger than necessary for inspection and maintenance and shall be provided with a fitted cover.

7244. A control shall be provided that will permit the pump to operate only when a dispensing nozzle is removed from its bracket on the dispensing unit and the switch on this dispensing unit is manually actuated. This control shall also stop the pump when all nozzles have been returned to their brackets.

7245. An approved impact valve, incorporating a fusible link, designed to close automatically in event of severe impact or fire exposure shall be properly installed in the dispensing supply line at the base of each individual dispensing device.

7246. Testing: After the completion of the installation, including any paving, that section of the pressure piping system between the pump discharge and the connection for the dispensing facility shall be tested for at least 30 minutes at the maximum operating pressure of the system. Such tests shall be repeated at five-year intervals thereafter.

7250. Delivery Nozzles.

7251. Hose nozzle valves of either the manual or automatic-closing type for dispensing Class I liquids into a fuel tank or into a container shall be manually held open during the dispensing operation except as provided in 7252.

7252. On any service station dispenser accessible to the public a listed automatic type nozzle with hold-open latch is permitted only when all dispensing of Class I liquids is to be done by the service station attendant.

7253. If the dispensing of Class I liquids at a service station available and open to the public is to be done by a person other than the service station attendant, the nozzle shall be a listed automatic-closing type without a hold-open latch.

7260. Special Type Dispensers.

7261. Approved special dispensing devices such as, but not limited to, coin-operated, card-operated, and remote preset types are permitted at service stations, provided there is at least one qualified attendant on duty while the station is open to the public. The attendant's primary function shall be to supervise, observe and control the dispensing of Class I liquids while said liquids are being dispensed. It shall be the responsibility of the attendant to prevent the dispensing of Class I liquids into portable containers not in compliance with 7050, control sources of ignition, and to immediately handle accidental spills and fire extinguishers if needed.

7262. The attendant or supervisor on duty shall be capable of performing the functions and assuming the responsibilities covered in 7261.

7263. Emergency controls shall be installed at a location acceptable to authority having jurisdiction, but controls shall not be more than 100 feet from dispensers.

7264. Instructions for the operation of dispensers shall be conspicuously posted.

73. Marine Service Stations.

7310. The dispensing area shall be located from other structures so as to provide room for safe ingress and egress of craft to be fueled. Dispensing units shall in all cases be at least 20 feet from any activity involving fixed sources of ignition.

7311. Dispensing shall be by approved dispensing units with or without integral pumps and may be located on open piers, wharves or floating docks or on shore or on piers of the solid fill type.

7312. Dispensing nozzles shall be automatic-closing without a hold-open latch.

7320. Tanks, and pumps not integral with the dispensing unit, shall be on shore or on a pier of the solid fill type, except as provided in 7321 and 7322.

7321. Where shore location would require excessively long supply lines to dispensers, the authority having jurisdiction may authorize the installation of tanks on a pier provided that applicable portions of Chapter II relative to spacing, diking and piping are complied with and the quantity so stored does not exceed 1,100 gallons aggregate capacity.

7322. Shore tanks supplying marine service stations may be located aboveground, where rock ledges or high water table make underground tanks impractical.

7323. Where tanks are at an elevation which would produce gravity head on the dispensing unit, the tank outlet shall be equipped with a pressure control valve positioned adjacent to and outside the tank block valve specified in 2192, so adjusted that liquid cannot flow by gravity from the tank in case of piping or hose failure.

7330. Piping between shore tanks and dispensing units shall be as specified in Chapter III, except that, where dispensing is from a

floating structure, suitable lengths of oil-resistant flexible hose may be employed between the shore piping and the piping on the floating structure as made necessary by change in water level or shore line.

7331. A readily accessible valve to shut off the supply from shore shall be provided in each pipeline at or near the approach to the pier and at the shore end of each pipeline adjacent to the point where flexible hose is attached.

7332. Piping shall be located so as to be protected from physical damage.

7333. Piping handling Class I liquids shall be grounded to control stray currents.

74. Electrical Equipment.

7410. Article 74 shall apply to areas where Class I liquids are stored or handled. For areas where Class II or Class III liquids are stored or handled, the electrical equipment may be installed in accordance with the provisions of the National Electrical Code, No. 70, for ordinary locations.

7420. All electrical equipment and wiring shall be of a type specified by and shall be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code, No. 70.

7430. So far as it applies, Table VII-1 shall be used to delineate and classify hazardous areas for the purpose of installation of electrical equipment under normal circumstances. In the following, a classified area shall not extend beyond an unpierced wall, roof or other solid partition.

NOTE: The designation of classes and divisions is defined in Chapter 5, Article 500, of the National Electrical Code, No. 70.

7440. The area classifications listed in 7430 shall be based on the premise that the installation meets the applicable requirements of this Code in all respects. Should this not be the case, the authority having jurisdiction shall have the authority to classify the extent of the hazardous area.

Table VII-1.

Electrical Equipment Hazardous Areas—Service Stations

Location	NEC Class I, Group D Division	Extent of Classified Area
UNDERGROUND TANK		
Fill Opening	1	Any pit, box or space below grade level, any part of which is within the Division 1 or 2 classified area.
	2	Up to 18 inches above grade level within a horizontal radius of 10 feet from a loose fill connection and within a horizontal radius of 5 feet from a tight fill connection.
Vent—Discharging Upward	1	Within 3 feet of open end of vent, extending in all directions.
	2	Area between 3 feet and 5 feet of open end of vent, extending in all directions.
DISPENSER		
Pits	1	Any pit, box or space below grade level, any part of which is within the Division 1 or 2 classified area.
Dispenser Enclosure	1	The area 4 feet vertically above base within the enclosure and 18 inches horizontally in all directions.
Outdoor	2	Up to 18 inches above grade level within 20 feet horizontally of any edge of enclosure.
Indoor with Mechanical Ventilation	2	Up to 18 inches above grade or floor level within 20 feet horizontally of any edge of enclosure.
with Gravity Ventilation	2	Up to 18 inches above grade or floor level within 25 feet horizontally of any edge of enclosure.

Table VII-1. — Continued

Location	NEC Class I, Group D Division	Extent of Classified Area
REMOTE PUMP—OUTDOOR	1	Any pit, box or space below grade level if any part is within a horizontal distance of 10 feet from any edge of pump.
	2	Within 3 feet of any edge of pump, extending in all directions. Also up to 18 inches above grade level within 10 feet horizontally from any edge of pump.
REMOTE PUMP—INDOOR	1	Entire area within any pit.
	2	Within 5 feet of any edge of pump, extending in all directions. Also up to 3 feet above floor or grade level within 25 feet horizontally from any edge of pump.
LUBRICATION OR SERVICE ROOM	1	Entire area within any pit.
	2	Area up to 18 inches above floor or grade level within entire lubrication room.
Dispenser for Class I Liquids	2	Within 3 feet of any fill or dispensing point, extending in all directions.
SPECIAL ENCLOSURE INSIDE BUILDING PER SECTION 6020	1	Entire enclosure.
SALES, STORAGE AND REST ROOMS	Ordinary	If there is any opening to these rooms within the extent of a Division 1 area, the entire room shall be classified as Division 1.

75. Heating Equipment.

7510. Heating equipment shall be installed as provided in 7520 through 7560.

7520. Heating equipment may be installed in the conventional manner in an area except as provided in 7530, 7540, 7550 or 7560.

7530. Heating equipment may be installed in a special room separated from an area classified by Table VII-1 by walls having a

fire resistance rating of at least one hour and without any openings in the walls within eight feet of the floor into an area classified in Table VII-1. This room shall not be used for combustible storage and all air for combustion purposes shall come from outside the building.

7540. Heating equipment using gas or oil fuel may be installed in the lubrication, sales or service room where there is no dispensing or transferring of Class I liquids provided the bottom of the combustion chamber is at least 18 inches above the floor and the heating equipment is protected from physical damage by vehicles.

7550. Heating equipment using gas or oil fuel listed for use in garages may be installed in the lubrication or service room where Class I liquids are dispensed provided the equipment is installed at least eight feet above the floor.

7560. Electrical heating equipment shall conform to 74.

76. Drainage and Waste Disposal.

7610. Provision shall be made in the area where Class I liquids are dispensed to prevent spilled liquids from flowing into the interior of service station buildings. Such provision may be by grading driveways, raising door sills, or other equally effective means. Crankcase drainings and flammable or combustible liquids shall not be dumped into sewers but shall be stored in tanks or drums outside of any building until removed from the premises.

77. Sources of Ignition.

7710. In addition to the previous restrictions of this chapter, the following shall apply: There shall be no smoking or open flames in the areas used for fueling, servicing fuel systems for internal combustion engines, receiving or dispensing of flammable or combustible liquids. Conspicuous and legible signs prohibiting smoking shall be posted within sight of the customer being served. The motors of all equipment being fueled shall be shut off during the fueling operation.

78. Fire Control.

7810. Each service station shall be provided with at least one fire extinguisher having a minimum classification of 6 B, C located so that an extinguisher will be within 75 feet of each pump, dispenser, underground fill pipe opening, and lubrication or service room.