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To: API Specification 12F Monogram Licensees  
API Specification 12F Applicants  
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**Specification 12F Interpretation, 12th Edition, October 2008**

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| Section 1.1 and corresponding Table 1, Specifically the 1st paragraph of Section 1.1. | Are only those sizes and capacities of tanks listed in Table 1 of Specification 12F covered by Specification 12F? | Yes. Tanks of sizes other than those appearing in Column 1 (nominal capacity in barrels) of Specification 12F, Table 1 are outside the scope of 12F and thus, are not covered by this specification.  
  The first paragraph of the Scope of Specification 12F reads, “1.1 This specification covers material, design, fabrication, and testing requirements for shop-fabricated vertical, cylindrical, aboveground, closed top, welded steel storage tanks in various standard sizes and capacities for internal pressures approximately atmospheric, not to exceed those listed in Table 1, Column 2.  
In addition to the Scope, please see Section 5.5 for further clarification and emphasis. It states in full, “5.5 Size: Tanks under this specification shall be furnished in the sizes and dimensions as stipulated in Table 1, Column 1 through Column 7, and Figure 1, as specified on the purchase order.”  
As stated in the Foreword of Specification 12F, the definition of shall (used in Section 5.5) is: “Shall: As used in a standard, “shall” denotes a minimum requirement in order to conform to the specification.” |

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Thank you,

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