

Inquiry Response Form Letter  
API Subcommittee on Aboveground Storage Tanks

Dear Sir,

See the checked box(es) below for API's response to your recent submittal:

A.  SUBCOMMITTEE STUDY: Your inquiry will be reviewed by the standard's subcommittee. This process may take 6 to 12 months. If the subcommittee approves an answer to your question, the question/answer will be published on the API website at <http://www.api.org/publications-standards-and-statistics/standards/faqs-and-inquiries/faqs/technical-question/technical-questions>. If a change to the standard is required as a result of your inquiry, the question/answer may or may not be posted. A change to the standard resulting from your inquiry can take a year or more before the outcome gets published in a future update of the standard (published every 18 months or so).

B.  NOT LATEST VERSION: API will only accept inquiries based on the current version of the API standard. Therefore, no action can be taken on your inquiry as-written.

C.  CONSULTING SERVICES: The American Petroleum Institute (API) does not provide consulting on specific engineering problems or on the general understanding of its standards. Based on the information submitted, we recommend you should seek the assistance of a consultant or engineering company familiar with the requirements of the standard.

D.  PROPRIETARY OR SPECIFIC DESIGNS: No action can be taken on your inquiry, because API does not approve, recommend, or endorse any proprietary or specific design; nor does API limit the method of design or form of construction that might be used to conform to an API Standard.

E.  BASIS FOR REQUIREMENTS: API does not respond to questions seeking the rationale or intent for requirements in its standards. These requirements are based upon consideration of technical data and the judgment and skill of experienced engineering and technical personnel representing both users and manufacturers who serve on the standards-writing committees.

F.  UNCLEAR QUESTION: Your question as-written was not clear enough to the subcommittee to allow further action to be taken by API.

G.  NOT ADDRESSED IN STANDARD: The subject of your inquiry is not addressed in the referenced standard, therefore API will not answer your question(s).

H.  INCORRECT FORM: Your query was not submitted using the required form, thus no action can be taken. The process for submitting a technical inquiry is explained at: <http://www.api.org/Standards/regint.cfm>, and <http://rfi.api.org/>

I.  SUGGESTION FOR CHANGE: Your inquiry appears to not be a query about a particular paragraph, but rather is a suggestion for a change to a standard. Thus, no interpretation is possible. Your suggestion has been submitted to the Subcommittee for consideration.