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INTERPRETATION
Exemption for methanol injection tanks in section 2(1)(f)(iv) of the
Pressure Equipment Exemption Order (AR 56/2006)

Introduction

The Pressure Equipment Exemption Order was amended and now includes a new exemption for methanol injection tanks that are installed on a pipeline as defined in the Pipeline Act and a new exemption for a pipeline as defined in the Oil and Gas Conservation Act. The exemptions in section 2(1)(f) & (g) of the Pressure Equipment Exemption Order (AR 56/2006 with amendments up to and including AR 158/2014)) are as follows:

2(1) The *Safety Codes Act* does not apply to the following:

(f) the following pressure equipment that forms the whole or part of a pipeline as defined in the *Pipeline Act*:

- (i) dust pot;
- (ii) gas drip;
- (iii) indirect fired heater coils;
- (iv) methanol injection tanks;
- (v) pig launcher;
- (vi) pig receiver;
- (vii) odorizer tanks.

(g) a pipeline as defined in the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act*

Methanol injection tanks are also commonly used in service on pipelines as defined the Oil and Gas Conservation Act. This service is considered equivalent to service on pipelines defined in the Pipeline Act.

Interpretation

A methanol injection tank that is installed on a pipeline as defined in the Oil and Gas Conservation Act may also be exempted under the Pressure Equipment Exemption Order sections 2(1)(g) and 2(1)(f)(iv) provided that the methanol injection tank is designed and constructed in accordance with CSA Z662 and CSA B51.

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Typical Methanol Injection Tank Installation



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Figure 1. Well site with no dehydrator or separator, with or without a lease block valve, including a pipeline leaving the well site

