Public Input No. 1-NFPA 54-2020 [ Section No. 8.2.3 ]

8.2.3* Leak Check.
Immediately after the gas is turned on into a new system or into a system that has been initially restored after an interruption of service, the piping system, readily accessible, shall be checked for leakage. Where leakage is indicated, the gas supply shall be shut off until the necessary repairs have been made.

REFERENCE ONLY:

3.3.1.1 Readily Accessible. Having direct access without the need of removing or moving any panel, door, or similar covering of the item described.

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Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Based on NFPA 54, 2021 edition, Chapter 8 information, immediately after introducing gas back into a system that has been shut-off and restored after an interruption of service, a leak test is required but no inspection is mentioned and therefore not indicated as required under this section.

The current wording does not allow for a piping system leak check as it is allowable to leak test from exterior of the structure and therefore confirmation is not possible that the system, as defined in 3.3.95.6, was leak tested. There is no knowledge that all branch line valves, if any, within the structure, are open. If any are closed and later opened, uncapped or unplugged outlets serves as a leak.

The section, 8.2.3 Leak Check, cannot comply with its’ own requirements. Therefore, the requirements of the section must be modified. This modification is a change to the 2021 edition suggested for the 2024 edition of NFPA 54.

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Public Input No. 5-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 6.1.3 ]

6.1.3 Hybrid Pressure.

The pipe size for each section of higher pressure gas piping shall be determined using the longest length of piping sizing methods in 6.1.1 or 6.1.2 from the point of delivery to the most remote each line pressure regulator in the system. The pipe size from the line pressure regulator to each outlet for each section of the lower pressure gas piping shall be determined using the length of piping from the regulator to the most remote outlet served by the regulator sizing methods in 6.1.1 or 6.1.2 from each line pressure regulator to each outlet served by that regulator.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Revised to clarify that a hybrid pressure system can have two or more elevated and reduced pressure sections, and can be sized in accordance with all of the methods listed in 6.1.

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5.5.9 Multi-layer piping fittings. Multi-layer piping shall be joined with listed fittings in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

A new gas piping product consisting of a thin layer of aluminum with inner and outer polymeric layers is being used for fuel gas. There are no standards in this code for these products for fuel gas use and it is proposed to add a listing requirement for safety.

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7.12.1 Pipe and Tubing Other than CSST.

Each aboveground portion of a gas piping system, other than CSST, that is likely to become energized shall be electrically continuous and bonded to an effective ground-fault current path. Gas piping, other than CSST, shall be considered to be bonded when it is connected to appliances that are an appliance within the system that is connected to the appliance equipment grounding conductor of the circuit supplying that appliance.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

7.12.1 is updated to indicate that a single appliance within the gas piping system connected to the grounding conductor is sufficient to serve to bond the gas piping system. The paragraph is also updated to change ‘appliance grounding conductor’ to ‘equipment grounding conductor’ to make the language consistent with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code®.

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7.12.3 Arc-Resistant Jacketed CSST.

CSST listed with an arc-resistant jacket or coating system shall be listed as arc-resistant in accordance with CSA/ANSI LC 1/CSA 6.26, Fuel Gas Piping Systems Using Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing;

7.12.3.1 Arc-resistant jacketed CSST shall be electrically continuous and bonded to an effective ground fault current path. Where any CSST component of a piping system does not have an arc resistant jacket or coating system, the bonding requirements of 7.12.2 shall apply.

7.12.3.2 Arc-resistant jacketed CSST shall be considered to be bonded when it is connected to an appliance within the system that is connected to the appliance grounding conductor of the circuit supplying that appliance.

7.12.3.3 Where any CSST used in a piping system does not have an arc-resistant jacket or coating system, the bonding requirements of 7.12.2 shall apply.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

7.12.3 is updated to indicate that a single appliance within the gas piping system connected to the grounding conductor is sufficient to serve to bond the gas piping system. The same paragraphs are also updated to change ‘appliance grounding conductor’ to ‘equipment grounding conductor’ to make the language consistent with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code. The requirement is separated into separate paragraphs for clarity.

7.12.3.2 is revised to clarify what “it” is referring to. Omega Flex is aware that a number of AHJs have misinterpreted this requirement.

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Public Input No. 10-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 6.1 [Excluding any Sub-Sections] ]

Where the pipe size is to be determined using any of the methods in 6.1.1 through 6.1.3, the diameter of each pipe segment shall be obtained from the pipe sizing tables in Section 6.2 or Section 6.3 or the sizing tables included in a listed piping system manufacturer’s installation instructions, or from the sizing equations in Section 6.4. For SI units, 1 ft³ = 0.028 m³, 1 ft = 0.305 m, 1 in. w.c. = 0.249 kPa, 1 psi = 6.894 kPa, 1000 Btu/hr = 0.293 kW.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

To make 6.1 consistent with the 5.3.3. Sizing Methods Include the tables in CSST manufacturer’s design and installation guides.

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**Public Input No. 11-NFPA 54-2021 [New Section after 5.5.3.6]**

**5.5.3.7 Multi-layer piping.** Multi-layer piping consisting of one or more metallic layers co-extruded with one or more layers of polymeric materials shall be listed for use with fuel gas.

**Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input**

A new type of gas piping products consisting of a thin layer of aluminum with inner and outer polymeric layers is being used for fuel gas. There are no standards in this code for these products for fuel gas use and listing is being required for safety. New sections 5.5.3.7 and 5.5.9 are added to provide requirements for multi-layer piping products.

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**Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input**

A new type of gas piping products consisting of a thin layer of aluminum with inner and outer polymeric layers is being used for fuel gas. As there are no installation requirements for this product it is recommended that it's installation be limited to outdoor underground locations, consistent with 7.5.2.

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Public Input No. 13-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 5.7.6 ]

Regulator Removal. A union shall be installed either upstream or downstream of a regulator with threaded pipe connections.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

A requirement for a union upstream or downstream of a threaded regulator is added in 5.7 to facilitate regulator replacement. Flanged regulators do not require a union for replacement.

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Public Input No. 17-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.64.2 ]

3.3.64.2 Noncombustible Material.
A material that, in the form in which it is used and under the conditions anticipated, will not ignite, burn, support combustion, or release flammable vapors when subjected to fire or heat.

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Currently there are two definitions for non-combustible material in NFPA 54. Section 3.3.64.2 and Section 4.4 both have conflicting definitions. Section 4.4 also has annex material related to the section. I provided this public input as a reminder for the committee to discuss and align the definitions.

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Public Input No. 18-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 5.7.2 ]

5.7.2 Listing.

Line pressure regulators shall be listed in accordance with ANSI Z21.80/CSA 6.22, Line Pressure Regulators, where the outlet pressure is set to 2 psi or less and the downstream appliance is rated for 0.5 PSI or less.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

There are high capacity (over 12,000,000 btu/hr) industrial appliances and applications that are rated for pressures higher than 0.5 PSI but are operating at low pressures (e.g 1 PSI). Such applications cannot use an ANSI Z21.80 line pressure regulator. For example, ANSI Z21.80 line pressure regulators require a min flow rate of 0.15 ft³/hr and regulators used on industrial applications cannot flow this low of flow.

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Public Input No. 19-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 5.14]

5.14 Pressure Regulator and Pressure Control Venting.

The venting of the atmospheric side of diaphragms in line pressure regulators, gas appliance regulators, and gas pressure limit controls shall be in accordance with all of the following:

1. An independent vent pipe to the outdoors, sized in accordance with the device manufacturer’s instructions, shall be provided where the location of a device is such that a discharge of fuel gas will cause a hazard. For devices other than appliance regulators, vents are not required to be independent where the vents are connected to a common manifold designed in accordance with engineering methods to minimize backpressure in the event of diaphragm failure and such design is approved.

   Exception No. 1: A regulator and vent limiting means combination listed as complying with ANSI Z21.80/CSA 6.22, Line Pressure Regulators, shall not be required to be vented to the outdoors.

   Exception No. 2: A listed gas appliance regulator factory equipped with a vent limiting device is not required to be vented to the outdoors.

   Exception No. 3: A listed gas pressure control factory equipped with a vent limiting device and complying with UL 353 or UL 60730-2-6 shall not be required to be vented to the outdoors.

2. Materials for vent piping shall be in accordance with Section 5.5.

3. The vent terminus shall be designed to prevent the entry of water, insects, and other foreign matter that could cause blockage.

4. Vent piping shall be installed to minimize static loads and bending moments placed on the regulators and gas pressure control devices.

5. Vents shall terminate not less than 3 ft (0.9 m) from a possible source of ignition.

6. At locations where a vent termination could be submerged during floods or snow accumulations, an antiflood-type breather vent fitting shall be installed, or the vent terminal shall be located above the height of the expected flood waters or snow.

7. Vent piping from pressure regulators and gas pressure controls shall not be connected to a common manifold that serves a bleed line from a diaphragm-type gas valve.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

UL 353 and UL 60730-2-6 are two standards under which gas pressure switches are listed, and both of these standards have requirements for vent limiting devices.

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Public Input No. 21-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 1.1.1.1(E) ]

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Since the US Chemical Safety Board asked for purging to be addressed in an enhanced manner in this document, and that was done, it makes sense to also state this requirement in this section of the document.

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Public Input No. 22-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 1.1.1.1(F) ]

(F)
Requirements for appliances, equipment, and related accessories shall include installation, combustion, and ventilation air and venting.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

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1.1.1.2
This code shall not apply to the following items:

1. Portable LP-Gas appliances and equipment of all types that are not connected to a fixed fuel piping system
2. Installation of appliances such as brooders, dehydrators, dryers, and irrigation equipment used for agricultural purposes
3. Raw material (feedstock) applications except for piping to special atmosphere generators
4. Oxygen–fuel gas cutting and welding systems
5. Industrial gas applications using such gases as acetylene and acetylenic compounds, hydrogen, ammonia, carbon monoxide, oxygen, and nitrogen
6. Petroleum refineries, pipeline compressor or pumping stations, loading terminals, compounding plants, refinery tank farms, and natural gas processing plants
7. Large integrated chemical plants or portions of such plants where flammable or combustible liquids or gases are produced by chemical reactions or used in chemical reactions
8. LP-Gas installations at utility gas plants
9. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) installations other than fuel gas systems within the scope of NFPA 54
10. Fuel gas piping in electric utility power plants
11. Proprietary items of equipment, apparatus, or instruments such as gas generating sets, compressors, and calorimeters
12. LP-Gas equipment for vaporization, gas mixing, and gas manufacturing
13. LP-Gas piping for buildings under construction or renovations that is not to become part of the permanent building piping system — that is, temporary fixed piping for building heat
14. Installation of LP-Gas systems for railroad switch heating
15. Installation of LP-Gas and compressed natural gas (CNG) systems on vehicles
16. Gas piping, meters, gas pressure regulators, and other appurtenances used by the serving gas supplier in distribution of gas, other than undiluted LP-Gas
17. Building design and construction, except as specified herein
18. Fuel gas systems on recreational vehicles manufactured in accordance with NFPA 1192
19. Fuel gas systems using hydrogen as a fuel
20. Construction of and maintenance of appliances

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

(9) The exclusion of LNG plants from the requirements of the Code is revised to recognize that LNG plant use fuel gas or for boilers, fired heaters and other applications. This proposal was developed in conjunction with a task force of the LNG committee.
(20) Clarify the non-application. Maintenance of appliances is also not covered in NFPA 54.

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Public Input No. 24-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.4.4.1 ]

3.3.4.4.1 Baking and Roasting Oven.

A non-residential oven primarily intended for volume food preparation that is composed of one or more sections or units of the following types: (1) cabinet oven, an oven having one or more cavities heated by a single burner or group of burners; (2) reel type oven, an oven employing trays that are moved by mechanical means; or (3) sectional oven, an oven composed of one or more independently heated cavities.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Revised as the 3 types of ovens are not used in the Code. Also, the term "non-residential" is added to clarify that this is not a residential oven. The term is used only in 10.11.2 (other than definitions) where clearance to combustible materials requirements are stated. The requirement appears to be applicable to non-residential cooling appliances only. The definition could be deleted, as the term is self evident.

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Public Input No. 25-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.4.4.2 ]

3.3.4.4.2 – Gas Counter Appliance:
An appliance such as a gas coffee brewer and coffee urn and any appurtenant water heating appliance, food and dish warmer, hot plate, and griddle.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

This is a list of appliances and not a Definition.

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Public Input No. 26-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.4.5 ]

3.3.4.5 – Gas Counter Appliances:
See 3.3.4.4.2:

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

3.3.4.4.2 is deleted in PI 25. This reference in no longer valid. If a definition of Gas Counter Appliance is needed it should be added.

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3.3.4.6 Household Cooking Appliance.
An appliance for domestic food preparation, providing at least one function of (1) top or surface
cooking, (2) oven cooking, or (3) broiling.

3.3.4.6.1 Household Broiler Cooking Appliance.
A unit that cooks primarily by radiated heat.

3.3.4.6.2 Household Built-In Unit Cooking Appliance.
A unit designed to be recessed into, placed upon, or attached to the construction of a building,
but not for installation on the floor.

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Terms proposed to be deleted are not used in the Code. Section 10.14 covers Household Cooking
Appliances.

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Public Input No. 28-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.24 ]

3.3.24 – Copper Alloy:
A homogenous mixture of two or more metals in which copper is the primary component, such as brass and bronze.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Delete definition. The term is obvious, and a definition is not needed. The definition is equivalent to the definition in Merriam Webster on line dictionary.

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Public Input No. 29-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.24 ]

3.3.24 – Copper Alloy:
A homogenous mixture of two or more metals in which copper is the primary component, such as brass and bronze.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input
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Public Input No. 30-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.48 ]

3.3.48 Gas Convenience Outlet.
A permanently mounted, permanently installed, hand-operated device providing a means for connecting and disconnecting an appliance or an appliance connector to the gas supply piping.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Installed is the preferred term used widely elsewhere in the Code.

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Public Input No. 31-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 5.1.1 ]

5.1.1 Installation of Piping System.
Where required by the authority having jurisdiction, a piping sketch or plan shall be prepared before proceeding with the installation. The plan shall show the proposed location of piping, the size of different branches, the various load demands, and the location of the point of delivery, the location of isolation valves, and accommodations for meeting the safe purging requirements of this document in Chapter 8.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

It's vitally important to identify shut offs/isolation valves and to identify in the design that purge related safety requirements and accommodations have been considered.

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Public Input No. 32-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.58 ]

3.3.58

- Hot Plate

See 3.3.4.4.2, Gas Counter Appliance.

3.3.58.1

Domestic Hot Plate.

A fuel gas–burning appliance consisting of one or more open-top-type burners installed on short legs or a base.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

1. The definition of gas counter appliance is proposed to be deleted in a separate PI.
2. The term "domestic hot plate" is not used in the Code other than in definitions. As the term "hot plate" is used the definition is revised to be consistent with use of the term in the Code.

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Public Input No. 33-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.56.7 ]

3.3.56.7 Water Heater.
An appliance for supplying hot water for domestic, residential, or commercial purposes.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

The terms residential and domestic are used in the code and appear to mean the same thing. These terms are both used in appliance standards to mean use in residences, and not commercial or industrial occupancies. Examples:

ANSI Z21.8, Installation of Domestic Gas Conversion Burners,
UL 103, Chimneys, Factory-Built, Residential Type and Building Heating Appliances.
ANSI Z21.1 Household Cooking Gas Appliances, use "domestic" and does not use "residential".

The term "residential occupancy" is used in building codes

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Public Input No. 34-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 3.3.60 ]

3.3.61 Interruption of service. Disconnection or discontinuation of fuel gas to the point of delivery of a fuel gas piping system.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

The term “interruption of service” is used in 4.2 and 8.2.3. As used in 4.2 the term appears to mean what is being proposed as a new definition. As used in 8.2.3 it has been interpreted to mean depressurization of all or part of a fuel gas piping system.

The Propane Education and Research Council includes a glossary in their training manuals, including:

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE.
A term used to describe when the vapor pressure in the vapor distribution system is no longer sufficient to allow the appliance to operate.

There does not appear to be a definition of the term “interruption of service” in other documents used by the gas industry. A definition is needed to ensure that code users understand the committee’s intent of the meaning.

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Public Input No. 35-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.97 ]

3.3.97 Tubing.
Semirigid conduit of copper, steel, aluminum, corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST), polyethylene, or plastic polyamide.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

To clarify that not all plastics are allowed in the Code.

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Public Input No. 36-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 4.1 ]

4.1 Qualified Agency.

The following shall be performed only by a qualified agency:

(1) The design, installation, testing, purging, and replacement of gas piping, appliances, equipment, and accessories

(2) The repair and servicing of appliances and equipment

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Servicing of appliances is not within the scope of the Code.

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Public Input No. 37-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 5.5.4.3 ]

5.5.4.3 Anodeless Risers.

Anodeless risers shall comply with the following:

(1) Factory-assembled anodeless risers shall be recommended by the manufacturer for the gas used and shall be leak tested by the manufacturer in accordance with written procedures.

(2) Service head adapters and field-assembled anodeless risers incorporating service head adapters shall be recommended by the manufacturer for the gas used and shall be design-certified to meet the requirements of Category I of ASTM D2513, Standard Specification for Polyethylene (PE) Gas Pressure Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings, and 49 CFR 192.281(e). The manufacturer shall provide the user qualified installation instructions as prescribed by 49 CFR 192.283(b).

(3) The use of plastic pipe, tubing, and fittings in anodeless risers in undiluted LP-Gas piping systems shall be in accordance with NFPA 58.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Revised to be clearer and enhance enforceability. The first revision requires that the tubing be “selected” for the conditions, which is clearer than “suitable” which is subjective. The second revision removes the second “shall”, which is not needed.

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Public Input No. 38-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 5.7.2 ]

5.7.2 Listing.
Line pressure regulators shall be listed in accordance with ANSI Z21.80/CSA 6.22, Line Pressure Regulators, where the outlet pressure is set to 2 psi or less.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

The requirement should apply to all line pressure regulators, and not only to line pressure regulators with an outlet pressure of 2 psig or less. ANSI Z21.80/CSA 6.22 covers line pressure regulators with outlet pressures up to 10 psig.

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5.1.2 Addition to Existing System.

When additional appliances are being connected to a gas piping system, the existing piping shall be checked to determine whether it has adequate capacity. If the capacity of the system is determined to be inadequate for the additional appliances, the existing system shall be enlarged as required, or separate gas piping of adequate capacity shall be provided. as per section 5.3 of this document.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

This section contains two requirements, contrary to the manual of style for NFPA documents. This section also does not give the user guidance as to how to conduct such an assessment.

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Public Input No. 42-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 5.1.2 ]

5.1.2.1
If the capacity of the system is determined to be inadequate for the additional appliances, one of the following modifications shall be made to provide required minimum gas pressures to each appliance:

a) The existing system shall be enlarged as required.
b) Separate gas piping of adequate capacity shall be provided.
c) The gas pressure can be increased. If the gas pressure is increased changes shall be made to provide overpressure protection to protect all existing appliances, if required.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

In my experience, it is sometimes an option to increase the gas pressure to accommodate additional gas loads. This can be done safely with an evaluation of appliance pressure capabilities and changes to overpressure protection devices.

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Public Input No. 43-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 5.4.4 ]

5.4.4 Maximum Operating Pressure in Buildings.

The maximum operating pressure for any piping systems located inside buildings shall not exceed 5 psi (34 kPa) unless one or more of the following conditions are met:

1. The piping joints are welded or brazed.
2. The piping is joined by fittings listed to ANSI LC 4/CSA 6.32, Press-Connect Metallic Fittings for Use in Fuel Gas Distribution Systems, and installed according to the manufacturer's installation instructions.
3. The piping joints are flanged and all pipe-to-flange connections are made by welding or brazing.
4. The piping is located in a ventilated chase or otherwise enclosed for protection against accidental gas accumulation.
5. The piping is located inside buildings or separate areas of buildings used exclusively for one of the following:
   (6) Industrial processing or heating
   (7) Research
   (8) Warehousing
      (a) Boiler or mechanical rooms
   (9) The piping is a temporary installation for buildings under construction.
   (10) The piping serves appliances or equipment used for agricultural purposes.
   (11) The piping system is an LP-Gas piping system with an operating pressure greater than 20 psi (138 kPa) and complies with NFPA 58.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Although warehouses can be large in volume compared to natural gas loads, they also have lots of material handling equipment moving through them which can compromise piping systems. There have been many unit heaters and piping systems hit by forklift trucks. It would enhance the cause of safety to require this piping to be welded. It makes no sense to allow warehouses this exemption and not air craft hangers. Welding this piping in warehouses would not be burdensome considering that they are typically space heat loads and not a large percentage of this piping would need to be above 5 psig.

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Public Input No. 44-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 5.5.1.2 ]

5.5.1.2 Used Materials.
Pipe, fittings, valves, or other materials shall not be used again unless they are for a new appliance installation or revision unless the following conditions are met:

a) They are free of foreign materials.

b) The original design intent and capability have been ascertained to be adequate for the service intended not been compromised from any damage including corrosion, wear, thread damage, nicks, gouges, dents, or other deformities.

c) Identifying markings that indicate the original specifications exist.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

This requirement did not identify the bounds or scope for reusing components, it also did not identify what "ascertain" meant. It is also impossible in most cases to ascertain something if there are no identifying markings on the components.

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Public Input No. 45-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 5.5.5 ]

5.5.5 Workmanship and Defects.
Gas pipe, tubing, and fittings shall be clear and free to meet the following requirements:
   a) They shall be free from cutting burrs and defects in structure or threading. 
   b) They shall be clear and thoroughly brushed and chip and scale blown. Defects in pipe, 
      tubing, and fittings shall not be repaired to remove any debris. 
   c) Defective pipe, tubing, and fittings shall be replaced, not repaired.

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The revision submitted more clearly describes the intended requirements of this section and provides better wording that is less confusing.

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5.5.6.2 Damaged Threads.
Pipe with threads that are stripped, chipped, corroded, or otherwise damaged shall not be used. Where a weld opens during the operation of cutting or threading, that portion of the pipe shall not be used.

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In keeping with the manual of style an additional section is being added for what was deleted.

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Public Input No. 47-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 5.5.6.2 ]

5.5.6.2.1
Where a weld opens during the operation of cutting or threading, that portion of the pipe shall not be used.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

This change is to meet with the manual of style requirements.

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Public Input No. 48-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 5.5.10.4 ]

5.5.10.4.1
When flanges are separated, and before gaskets are replaced the following conditions shall be met:

a) Flange surfaces shall be inspected for pitting, corrosion and other surface defects.

b) Flanges that do not meet the minimum requirements of ASME PCC-1 shall be replaced.

c) Flanges that contain grooved faces shall be thoroughly and carefully restored.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Nothing in this document addresses the condition of flanges for reuse. This link talks more about flange faces and requirements for reuse. https://fliphtml5.com/mcff/yktq/basic

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Public Input No. 49-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 9.1.6.2]

9.1.6.2
Non-direct-vent appliances installed in beauty shops, barber shops, or other facilities where chemicals that generate corrosive or flammable products such as aerosol sprays are routinely used, the following shall apply to fired appliances where these materials can enter combustion air:

a) Fired appliances shall be located in a mechanical room separate or partitioned off from other areas with provisions for combustion and dilution air from outdoors.

b) Direct vent appliances in such facilities shall be used in accordance with the appliance manufacturer’s installation instructions.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

This revision was made to make this provision more clear and to also emphasize that this requirement applies to many more areas that barber shops and or beauty shops.

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Public Input No. 50-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 9.1.6.1]

9.1.6.1
Where corrosive or flammable process fumes or gases, such as carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, chlorine, and halogenated hydrocarbons are present in quantities that can present a hazard to fired equipment by these materials entering combustion air, means for their safe disposal shall be provided. The following shall apply:

a) A detection system with alarms and an operational interlock shall be provided to shut down the equipment and provide notice should an unsafe condition occur.

d) A means to control the concentration of the priority contaminant shall be provided along with an alarm and operational interlock to shut down the equipment and provide notice should an unsafe condition occur.

b) Fired appliances shall be located in a mechanical room separate or partitioned off from other areas with provisions for combustion and dilution air from outdoors.

c) Direct vent appliances shall be used in accordance with the appliance manufacturer’s installation instructions.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

The current requirement is vague and does not identify a) that there needs to be a hazardous quantity available, many industrial spaces have some amount of carbon monoxide, b) means of removal means nothing, our real objective is that if there’s a hazard we don’t want to operate the equipment and if that’s the case we should say so.

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PROPOSE MOVING ALL OF THESE SECTIONS TO THE END OF CHAPTER 10

Sections 9.1.10, 9.1.11, 9.1.12

9.1.10 Installation in Residential Garages.

9.1.10.1 Appliances in residential garages and in adjacent spaces that open to the garage and are not part of the living space of a dwelling unit shall be installed so that all burners and burner ignition devices are located not less than 18 in. (460 mm) above the floor unless listed as flammable vapor ignition resistant.

9.1.10.2 Such appliances shall be located or protected so they are not subject to physical damage by a moving vehicle.

9.1.10.3 Where appliances are installed in a separate, enclosed space having access only from outside of the garage, such appliances shall be permitted to be installed at floor level, providing the required combustion air is taken from the exterior of the garage.

9.1.11 Installation in Commercial Garages.

9.1.11.1 Parking Structures.

Appliances installed in enclosed, basement, and underground parking structures shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 88A.

9.1.11.2 Repair Garages.

Appliances installed in repair garages shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 30A.

9.1.12 Installation in Aircraft Hangars.

Heaters in aircraft hangars shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 409.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

These items are all about specific installations that fit with chapter 10 much better than here in chapter 9, if nothing else we should put them together at the end of section 9.1 as the last items, its very confusing to have them in the middle of general requirements like this.

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Public Input No. 52-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 9.1.16 ]

9.1.16* Avoiding Strain on Gas Piping.

Appliances shall be supported and connected to the piping so as not to exert undue strain on the connections. Mechanical loads can be transferred to appliance fuel trains and valves in many ways that can include fuel piping that is not supported properly, thermal expansion of systems that the appliance is connected to, and and or from vibrations. In some cases appliance gas trains contain aluminum bodied valves and threaded fittings which cannot reliably maintain their integrity with mechanical loads. In some cases listed or properly rated flexible connectors can be a solution.

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The term "undue" really bothers me. I don't have a great answer for this but it seems annex material might help.

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Public Input No. 53-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 9.1.7 ]

MOVE TO SECTION 9.3 AIR FOR COMBUSTION

9.1.7 Process Air.

In addition to air needed for combustion in commercial or industrial processes, process air shall be provided as required for cooling of appliances, equipment, or material; for controlling dew point, heating, drying, oxidation, dilution, safety exhaust, odor control, and air for compressors; and for comfort and proper working conditions for personnel.

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THIS SHOULD BE LOCATED IN SECTION 9.3, AIR FOR COMBUSTION

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The type of piping joint used shall be suitable:

(1) Selected for the pressure and temperature conditions and shall be selected giving consideration to

(2) selected for joint tightness and mechanical strength under the service conditions. The joint shall be able

(3) able to sustain the maximum end force due to the internal pressure and any additional forces due to temperature expansion or contraction, vibration, fatigue, or the weight of the pipe and its contents.

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Revised to be clearer and enhance enforceability. Also, separated into separate sub paragraphs with one requirement in each. "Selected" is substituted for "Suitable", which is subjective.

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Public Input No. 55-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 5.6.2.2 ]

5.6.2.2
Gas meters shall not be placed where they will be subjected to damage, such as adjacent to

A.5.6.2.2 Locations that may be subjected to damage include being adjacent to a driveway, under a fire escape, in public passages, halls, or where they will be subject to excessive corrosion or vibration.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

The list of examples is relocated to Annex A. Lists of this type are never complete, and therefore can be misleading.

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5.6.3 Supports.

Gas meters shall be supported or connected to rigid piping so as not to exert a strain on the meters. Where flexible connectors are used to connect a gas meter to downstream piping at mobile homes in mobile-manufactured homes in manufactured home parks, the meter shall be supported by a post or bracket placed in a firm footing or by other means providing equivalent support.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

The term “mobile home” is no longer used. Manufactured housing is the correct term.

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Public Input No. 57-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.1.3.2 ]

7.1.3.2

Underground piping shall comply with one or more of the following unless approved technical justification is provided to demonstrate that protection is unnecessary for installation without corrosion protection:

1. The piping shall be made of corrosion-resistant material that is suitable for the environment in which it will be installed.

2. Pipe shall have a factory-applied, electrically insulating coating. Fittings and joints between sections of coated pipe shall be coated in accordance with the coating manufacturer’s instructions.

3. The piping shall have a cathodic protection system installed, and the system shall be maintained in accordance with 7.1.3.3 or 7.1.3.6.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

As written the requirement is confusing. “Approved is defined in 3.3.2 as acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). As defined, “approved technical justification” has been reviewed by the AHJ and accepted. The requirement appears to define approved, which is not needed for terms defined in the Code.

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Public Input No. 58-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.7.2.1 ]

7.7.2.1
Each outlet, including a valve, shall be closed gastight with a threaded plug or cap immediately after installation and shall be left closed until the appliance or equipment is connected thereto. When an appliance or equipment is disconnected from an outlet and the outlet is not to be used again immediately, it shall be capped or plugged gastight whether or not there is gas supplied to the piping system.

Exception No. 1: Laboratory appliances installed in accordance with 9.6.2(1) shall be permitted.

Exception No. 2: The use of a listed quick-disconnect device with integral shutoff or listed gas convenience outlet shall be permitted.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input
I have worked on incidents where outlets have not been plugged or capped after an appliance was removed. It has been claimed that there was no need to cap or plug the outlet because the gas supply to the piping system had been interrupted. While this claim is not supported by the Code, this proposal intends to make it clearer that the cap all outlets is applicable whether there is gas supply or not.

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Public Input No. 59-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 7.11.5.2]

7.11.5.2 Electrical Requirements.

Where gas-mixing machines are installed in well-ventilated areas, the type of electrical equipment shall be in accordance with NFPA 70 for general service conditions unless other hazards require classification of the area.

Where gas-mixing machines are installed in small detached buildings or cutoff rooms, the electrical equipment and wiring shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 70 for hazardous locations (Articles 500 and 501, Class I, Division 2).

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

The requirement is revised to use terminology consistent with the National Electrical Code as this is an electrical requirement. The term "general service" is not used in the National Electrical Code and is replaced with the more appropriate term "unclassified area". The second sentence is revised for clarity.

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Public Input No. 60-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 7.14.1]

7.14.1
All electrical connections between wiring and electrically operated control devices in a piping system shall conform to the requirements of All wiring shall be in accordance with NFPA 70.

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Revised to be applicable to all wiring, not just piping systems.

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Public Input No. 61-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.14.2 ]

7.14.2
Any essential safety control depending on electric current as the operating medium shall be of a type that shuts off (fail safe) the flow of gas in the event of current failure. Electrically powered safety controls shall fail safe and shut off the flow of gas in the event of electrical failure.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

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8.1.4.2
The test pressure to be used shall be no less than \(1\frac{1}{2}\) times the proposed maximum working pressure, but not less than 3 psi (20 kPa), irrespective of design pressure. Where the test pressure exceeds 125 psi (862 kPa), the test pressure shall not exceed a value that produces a hoop stress in the piping greater than 50 percent of the specified minimum yield strength of the pipe.

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The phrase “irrespective of design pressure” is deleted as it is not needed. The 3 psi limit is clear.

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Public Input No. 63-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 8.1.5.2 ]

8.1.5.2
The leakage shall be located by means of an approved gas-listed combustible gas detector, a noncorrosive leak detection fluid, or other approved leak detection methods.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

1. The term “gas detector” is not consistent with the use of “combustible gas indicator” and “combustible gas detector” in 8.3, Purging. The term “combustible gas indicator” is an instrument with a percent readout, while a “combustible gas detector” is an instrument that indicates the presence of fuel gas above a preset amount by a vibration or a sound. It is believed that the term “gas detector” here is the simpler “combustible gas detector”. The term “gas detector” is used only in this requirement.
2. Approved is deleted and listed is substituted to be consistent with 8.3.3.2 which requires listing of combustible gas detectors.

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Public Input No. 64-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 8.2.3]

8.2.3* Leak Check.

Immediately after the gas is turned on into a new system or into a system that has been initially restored after an interruption of service, the piping system shall be checked for leakage. Where leakage is indicated, the gas supply shall be shut off until the necessary repairs have been made. Where minor repairs have been made in accordance with 8.1.1.3, no additional leak checks shall be required.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

This requirement applies to all turn-ons after an interruption of service. Paragraph 8.1.1.3 provides a special case where only minor repairs have been made and allows a simpler alternate to a pressure test. This revision provides a similar option for leak checks where only minor repairs have been made.

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Public Input No. 65-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 9.1.15]

9.1.15 Extra Device or Attachment.
No device or attachment shall be installed on any appliance that could in any way impair the combustion of gas.

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An unnecessary modifier is deleted. The requirement is clear and enforceable without “in any way”.

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Public Input No. 66-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 9.2.1 ]

9.2.1 Accessibility for Service.
All appliances shall be located with respect to building construction and other equipment so as to permit access to the appliance. Sufficient clearance shall be maintained to permit service.

9.2.1.1 Clearances shall permit servicing the appliance.

9.2.1.2 The passageway to and servicing area adjacent to attic appliances shall be floored.

A.9.2.1 Service of appliances includes cleaning of heating surfaces; the replacement of filters, blowers, motors, burners, controls, and vent connections; the lubrication of moving parts where necessary; the adjustment and cleaning of burners and pilots; and the proper functioning of explosion vents, if provided. For attic installation, the passageway and servicing area adjacent to the appliance shall be floored and other required service procedures.

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Editorial revisions and relocation of specific examples to Annex A. The paragraph is separated as multiple requirements are included.

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Public Input No. 67-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 9.7.3 ]

9.7.3 Electrical Circuit.
The electrical circuit employed for operating the automatic main gas control valve, automatic pilot, room temperature thermostat, limit control, or other electrical devices used with the appliances shall be in accordance with the wiring diagrams certified or approved provided by the original appliance manufacturer.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Currently the wiring diagram must be “certified” or “approved”. The term certified is defined as “genuine, authentic” by Merriam Webster online dictionary. Approved is defined in 3.3.2 as acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction. There is no indication of who can certify the wiring diagram, or what the AHJ should use to determine if the wiring diagram is acceptable. As it appears that the intent of the requirement is to require that the installer use wiring diagrams provided by the appliance manufacturer, the requirement is revise to say that.

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Public Input No. 68-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 10.17.2 ]

10.17.2 Protection Above Domestic Residential Units.

Domestic Residential open-top broiler units shall be provided with a metal ventilating hood not less than 0.0122 in. (0.3 mm) thick with the following clearances:

10.17.2.1 a clearance of not less than \( \frac{1}{4} \) in. (6 mm) between the hood and the underside of combustible material or metal cabinets.

10.17.2.2 A clearance of at least 24 in. (610 mm) shall be maintained between the cooking top and the combustible material or metal cabinet, and the hood shall be at least as wide as the open-top broiler unit and centered over the unit.

10.17.2.3 Residential open-top broiler units incorporating an integral exhaust system and listed for use without a ventilating hood shall not be required to be provided with a ventilating hood if where installed in accordance with 10.13.3.1(1).

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

The terms residential and domestic are used in the code and appear to mean the same thing. These terms are both used in appliance standards to mean use in residences, and not commercial or industrial occupancies. Examples:

- ANSI Z21.8, Installation of Domestic Gas Conversion Burners,
- UL 103, Chimneys, Factory-Built, Residential Type and Building Heating Appliances.
- ANSI Z21.1 Household Cooking Gas Appliances, use “domestic” and does not use “residential”.

The term “residential occupancy” is used in building codes

As the term “residential” is well understood, and the term “domestic” is not as well understood.

The requirement is separated into multiple paragraphs per the NFPA Manual of Style.

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Public Input No. 69-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 10.26.5]

10.26.5 Temperature Limiting Devices.

A water heater installation or a hot water storage vessel installation shall be provided with overtemperature protection by means of an approved, listed device installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

As written the listed device must also be approved by the AHJ. This is somewhat contradictory, as listed devices are not normally required to be approved, and no guidance is provided to the AHJ on what to consider when approving other than listed devices. As this device is critical for safety the AHJ should not be allowed to authorize non-listed safety devices.

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10.11.2 Clearance for Listed Appliances.

Floor-mounted food service appliances, such as ranges for hotels and restaurants, deep-fat fryers, unit broilers, kettles, steam cookers, steam generators, and baking and roasting ovens, shall be installed at least 6 in. (150 mm) from combustible material except that at least 2 in. (50 mm) clearance shall be maintained between the clearance from a draft hood and combustible material shall be at least 2 inches.

10.11.2.1 Floor-mounted food service appliances listed for installation at lesser clearances shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

10.11.2.2 Appliances designed and marked “For use only in noncombustible locations” shall not be installed elsewhere.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

1. A list of the types of floor-monted food service appliances in not needed in the Code. Move to Annex A if needed.
2. Editorial revisions to clarify minimum clearances
3. Separated into main and sub paragraphs as multiple requirements are provided.

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Public Input No. 71-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 10.12.3 ]

10.12.3 Clearance for Appliances.

Food service counter appliances, where installed on combustible surfaces, shall be installed with a minimum horizontal clearance of 6 in. (150 mm) from combustible material, except that at least a 2 in. (50 mm) clearance shall be maintained between the clearance from a draft hood and combustible material shall be at least 2 inches. Food service counter appliances listed for installation at lesser clearances shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

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Public Input No. 72-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 12.3.2 [Excluding any Sub-Sections]]

The following appliances shall not be required to be vented:

1. Listed ranges
2. Built-in domestic residential cooking units listed and marked for optional venting
3. Listed hot plates
4. Listed Type 1 clothes dryers exhausted in accordance with Section 10.4
5. A single listed booster-type (automatic instantaneous) water heater, when designed and used solely for the sanitizing rinse requirements of a dishwashing machine, provided that the appliance is installed with the draft hood in place and unaltered, if a draft hood is required, in a commercial kitchen having a mechanical exhaust system [Where installed in this manner, the draft hood outlet shall not be less than 36 in. (910 mm) vertically and 6 in. (150 mm) horizontally from any surface other than the appliance.]
6. Listed refrigerators
7. Counter appliances
8. Room heaters listed for unvented use
9. Direct gas-fired make-up air heaters
10. Other appliances listed for unvented use and not provided with flue collars
11. Specialized appliances of limited input such as laboratory burners or gas lights

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

The terms residential and domestic are used in the code and appear to mean the same thing. These terms are both used in appliance standards to mean use in residences, and not commercial or industrial occupancies. Examples:
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- UL 103, Chimneys, Factory-Built, Residential Type and Building Heating Appliances.
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Public Input No. 73-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. A.5.3.2.1 ]
A.5.3.2.1

Some older appliances do not have a nameplate. In this case Table A.5.3.2.1 or an estimate of the appliance input should be used. The input can be based on the following:

1. A rating provided by the manufacturer
2. The rating of similar appliances
3. Recommendations of the gas supplier
4. Recommendations of a qualified agency
5. A gas flow test
6. Measurement of the orifice size of the appliance

The requirement of 5.3.1 that the piping system provide sufficient gas to each appliance inlet must be complied with.

Table A.5.3.2.1 Approximate Gas Input for Typical Appliances

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This proposal substitutes "residential" for "domestic" in 4 locations, and deletes "(domestic) after Clothes dryer, Type 1. The term "Type 1" clothes dryer is used in the code and the reference to either domestic or residential is not needed in this location.

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12.15 Automatically Operated Vent - Automatic Vent Damper.

An automatically operated automatic vent damper shall be listed.

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Title and text revised to match the definition in 3.3.7.

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5.5.7.5 Metallic Pipe Fittings.

Metallic fittings shall comply with the following:

(1) Threaded fittings in sizes larger than 4 in. (100 mm) shall not be used.
(2) Fittings used with steel, stainless steel, or wrought-iron pipe shall be steel, stainless steel, copper alloy, malleable iron, or cast iron.
(3) Fittings used with copper or copper alloy pipe shall be copper or copper alloy.
(4) Fittings used with aluminum alloy pipe shall be aluminum alloy.
(5) Cast-Iron Fittings. Cast-iron fittings shall comply with the following:

   (6) Flanges shall be permitted.
   (7) Bushings shall not be used.
   (8) Fittings shall not be used in systems containing flammable gas–air mixtures.
   (9) Fittings in sizes 4 in. (100 mm) and larger shall not be used indoors unless approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

(10) Aluminum Alloy Fittings. Threads shall not form the joint seal.
(11) Zinc–Aluminum Alloy Fittings. Fittings shall not be used in systems containing flammable gas–air mixtures.
(12) Special Fittings. Fittings such as couplings, proprietary-type joints, saddle tees, gland-type compression fittings, and flared, flareless, or compression-type tubing fittings shall be as follows:

   (13) Used within the fitting manufacturer's pressure–temperature recommendations
   (14) Used within the service conditions anticipated with respect to vibration, fatigue, thermal expansion, or contraction
   (15) Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction

(16) When pipe fittings are drilled and tapped in the field, the operation shall be in accordance with the following:

   (17) The operation shall be performed on systems having operating pressures of 5 psi (34 kPa) or less.
   (18) The operation shall be performed by the gas supplier or their designated representative.
   (19) The drilling and tapping operation shall be performed in accordance with written procedures prepared by the gas supplier.
   (20) The fittings shall be located outdoors.
   (21) The tapped fitting assembly shall be inspected and proven to be free of leaks.
Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

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Public Input No. 76-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 7.3.5.2]

**7.3.5.2 Other Occupancies.**

In other than industrial occupancies and where approved by the authority having jurisdiction, gas piping embedded in concrete floor slabs constructed with Portland cement shall be surrounded with a minimum of 1½ in. (38 mm) of concrete and shall not be in physical contact with other metallic structures such as reinforcing rods or electrically neutral conductors. All piping, fittings, and risers shall be protected against corrosion in accordance with 7.2.2. Piping shall not be embedded in concrete slabs containing quickset additives or cinder aggregate.

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Public Input No. 77-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 8.1.1.3]

8.1.1.3
Where repairs or additions are made following the pressure test, the affected piping shall be tested. Minor repairs and additions are not required to be pressure tested, provided that the work is inspected and connections are tested with a noncorrosive leak-detecting fluid or other leak-detecting methods approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

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5.5.9.1 Flange Specifications.

5.5.9.1.1
Cast iron flanges shall be in accordance with ANSI/ASME B16.1, *Gray Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: Classes 25, 125, and 250*.

5.5.9.1.2
Steel flanges shall be in accordance with the following: ANSI/ASME B16.5, *Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: NPS ½ through NPS 24 Metric/Inch Standard*, or ANSI/ASME B16.47, *Large Diameter Steel Flanges: NPS 26 through NPS 60 Metric/Inch Standard*.

5.5.9.1.3
Non-ferrous flanges shall be in accordance with ANSI/ASME B16.24, *Cast Copper Alloy Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: Classes 150, 300, 600, 900, 1500, and 2500*.

5.5.9.1.4
Ductile iron flanges shall be in accordance with ANSI/ASME B16.42, *Ductile Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings, Classes 150 and 300*.

* Add Annex A.5.5.9.1.

The ISO 7005-1, -2, and -3 flange standards allows for two types of globally relevant flange systems. There is the Class system per ASME B16 series and the PN system per the EN 1092-x series. The EN 1092-x series in equivalent pressure ratings are identical to Class 125, 150, 300. However, unlike the Class system, the PN system has lower pressure ratings, which allows the designer to engineer the piping / connections to the pressure required for the application, which are more fitted for typical NFPA 54 pressures, rather than forcing a 5 PSI application to use minimum Class 150 ANSI Flanges, which are rated for 285 PSI at room temperatures. Just as different Classes of flanges have different bolt patterns, the lower pressure rated flanges per the PN system have a different bolt pattern. If using the PN system, use the equivalent PN flange.

If using the PN system, the requirements for bolts, dissimilar flange connections, flange facing, flange gaskets and gasket specifications apply also these connections.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

There is no safety issue designing piping systems using the PN system for pressures 125 PSI or less. Additionally, there are already listed valves on the market using the PN system of flanged connections, and the PN system has been installed on gas piping systems and gas trains over the past 20 years. Finally, just as different pressure Classes do no mate, PN and Classes do not mate except in a few cases where they are harmonized.

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Public Input No. 80-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 8.1.1 ]

8.4 Abandoned Fuel Gas Piping
Where fuel gas piping is in service over 5 psig that has been abandoned in place for a period of more than 24 months, it shall be purged and the contents displaced with an inert substance.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input
There have been catastrophic incidents in industrial facilities where gas lines have been out of service for years and then demolition contractors or mechanical integrity issues have caused releases.

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Public Input No. 81-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 9.1.8.1 ]

9.1.8.1-

Appliances and equipment shall be furnished either with load distributing bases or with a sufficient number of supports to prevent damage to either the building structure or the appliance and the equipment not exceed design floor loading.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

I am submitting this along with revisions to the next section and annex material since all of these collectively attempt to deal with floor loadings. I do not believe we should be addressing this at all. This is a fire code and not a structural design code. However, I am submitting this in any case to actually make this a requirement that is more practical overall and gives the user more guidance than previously was the case.

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Public Input No. 82-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 9.1.8.1 ]

9.1.8.1*
Floor loadings are typically provided as pounds per square foot load capability for a given type of floor construction. Installers should consult with architects or structural engineers to discuss the route that appliances or equipment would take into a building along with final installed locations. Considerations should also include the type of base used, and the possibility of live or dynamic loads to occur with the equipment's operation. Consideration should also be given for the transmission of vibrations to the structure and piping connections.

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This annex material attempts to provide guidance for the PI I submitted suggesting that the information about structural loadings should be more concise and better directed.

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9.1.8.2
At the locations selected for installation of appliances and equipment, the dynamic and static load carrying capacities of the building structure shall be checked to determine whether they are adequate to carry the additional loads. The appliances and equipment shall be supported and shall be connected to the piping so as not to exert undue stress on the connections. All piping, flue gas, and combustion air systems shall be installed such that no static equipment loads are transmitted to them.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input
I believe that the previous language asked for multiple requirements. It's also not clear how someone would evaluate for dynamic loads and who that would be submitted to. I have also addressed the entire floor loading issue in my previous PI. This attempts to make this one requirement that is concise and identifies what we are actually trying to accomplish and that is not having the equipment in any way supported from any piping.

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9.1.21 Protection of Outdoor Appliances.

Appliances not listed for outdoor installation but installed outdoors shall be provided with protection to the degree that the environment requires. Appliances listed for outdoor installation shall be permitted to be installed without protection in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

This item contains two requirements which is against the manual of style. The requirement I removed is redundant and in fact in the section immediately above we already tell the user to follow the manufacturers instructions.

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Public Input No. 85-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 9.2.1 ]

9.2.1 Accessibility for Service.

All appliances shall be located with respect to building construction and other equipment so as to permit access to the appliance. Sufficient clearance shall be maintained to permit to provide clearance for the following:

a) cleaning of heating surfaces; the replacement of filters, blowers, motors, burners, controls, and vent connections; the lubrication

b) replacement of serviceable components and filters

c) lubrication of moving parts where necessary; the

d) adjustment and cleaning of burners and pilots; and the proper

e) proper functioning of explosion vents, if provided.

9.2.1.2 For attic installation, the passageway and servicing area adjacent to the appliance shall be floored.

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The version I have submitted removes multiple requirements

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### Public Input No. 86-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 9.3.1.5]

| 9.3.1.5 | Combustion air system design and function shall be validated and documented with an acceptance test where all exhaust fans, clothes dryers, and kitchen ventilation systems interfere with the operation of appliances, make-up air shall be provided systems and all air consuming appliances are operated simultaneously and carbon monoxide readings are taken at flue gas outlets to verify operation within manufacturers acceptable range. |

| 9.1.3.6 | Where the combustion air systems acceptance test fails the combustion air system will be redesigned and retested until it can be demonstrated to provide safe appliance operations. |

### Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

The previous language was not enforceable. Every year there are many deaths and injuries related to carbon monoxide. This could help. Calling out the need for someone to have to add make-up air as the only remedy, is confusing. It seems to imply a mechanical make-up air system when what we really mean is by any of the methods we identify. Everyone has seen instances where very little thought is given to proper combustion air, and its not just about design, its about, "does it really work", lots of things can get screwed up in the installation part. A test, a demonstration, a witnessing of commissioning, is the only thing that gets this done and proven.

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2.3.2 ASTM Publications.

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ASTM F1281, Standard Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene/Aluminum/Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX-AL-PEX) Pressure Pipe

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

PEX-AL-PEX has been used for gas service and distribution for over 15 years under numerous ISO, EU, and Australian standards. ASTM F1281 was first published in the year 2000 and includes allowance for use with gases that are compatible with the pipe and fittings.
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5.5.4.1 Standard and Marking.

5.5.4.1.1 Polyethylene plastic pipe, tubing, and fittings used to supply fuel gas shall conform to ASTM D2513, *Standard Specification for Polyethylene (PE) Gas Pressure Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings*. Pipe to be used shall be marked “gas” and “ASTM D2513.”

5.5.4.1.2 Polyamide pipe, tubing, and fittings shall be identified in and conform to ASTM F2945, *Standard Specification for Polyamide 11 Gas Pressure Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings*. Pipe to be used shall be marked “gas” and “ASTM F2945.”

5.5.4.1.3 Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC) plastic pipe, tubing, and fittings shall not be used to supply fuel gas.

5.5.4.1.4 Crosslinked PEX-Aluminum-PEX (PEX-AL-PEX) composite pipe, tubing and fittings used to supply and or distribute fuel gas shall conform to ASTM F1281. Such pipe shall be marked “Gas” and “ASTM F1281”.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

PEX-AL-PEX has been used for gas supply and distribution for over 15 years under numerous ISO, EU, and Australian standards. ASTM F1281 was first published in the year 2000 and includes allowance for use with gases that are compatible with the pipe and fittings.

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Public Input No. 90-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 7.1.7.1]

7.1.7.1 Connection of Plastic Piping.
Plastic piping shall be installed outdoors, underground only.

*Exception No. 1:* PEX-AL-PEX composite piping systems when installed in accordance with Section 5.5.4.

*Exception No. 2:* Plastic piping shall be permitted to terminate aboveground where an anodeless riser is used.

*Exception No. 2 3:* Plastic piping shall be permitted to terminate with a wall head adapter aboveground in buildings, including basements, where the plastic piping is inserted in a piping material permitted for use in buildings.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

PEX-AL-PEX composite piping systems have characteristics of both metallic and plastic systems and can be construed as either metallic or plastic pipe depending on the familiarity of the system. Proven as a safe system to supply gas appliances in buildings for over 15 years, this system should not be classified as just another "plastic pipe". Other change proposals being submitted further prescribe the proper sizing and installation of these systems.

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7.2.8 PEX-AL-PEX.
PEX-AL-PEX piping systems shall be installed in accordance with this code and the manufacturers installation instructions.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Like CSST, this language emphasizes the need to follow the code and the installation instructions to ensure proper installation for the specific application.

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Public Input No. 92-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 7.3.2]

7.3.2 Fittings in Concealed Locations.

Fittings installed in concealed locations shall be limited to the following types:

(1) Threaded elbows, tees, couplings, caps, and plugs

(2) Brazed fittings

(3) Welded fittings


(5) Fittings listed to be used with PEX-AL-PEX piping systems

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

ASTM F1281 contains testing requirements for both the pipe and fitting system together as the fittings are typically designed to be used with the individual piping system only and fittings cannot be listed to ASTM F1281 individually.

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Public Input No. 93-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.5.2 ]

7.5.2 Plastic Pipe.
Plastic pipe bends shall comply with the following:

(1) The pipe shall not be damaged, and the internal diameter of the pipe shall not be effectively reduced.
(2) Joints shall not be located in pipe bends.
(3) The radius of the inner curve of such bends shall not be less than 25 times the inside diameter of the pipe be in accordance to the manufacturers instructions.
(4) Where the piping manufacturer specifies the use of special bending tools or procedures, such tools or procedures shall be used.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input
The maximum bend radius is determined by the flexibility, wall thickness, and size of the pipe. This bend radius is specified by the manufacturer and it is not needed to have an installer measure the actual inner diameter to calculate the bend radius required.

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Public Input No. 94-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 3.3.97 ]

3.3.97 Tubing.
Semirigid conduit of copper, steel, aluminum, corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST), crosslinked polyethylene-aluminum-crosslinked polyethylene composite tubing (PEX-AL-PEX), or plastic.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Adds PEX-AL-PEX composite tubing to existing definition.

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Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Proposed new annex would address repair and renewal of existing gas house piping systems

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Public Input No. 96-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 5.5.2.2 ]

5.5.2.2 Steel, Stainless Steel, and Wrought Iron.

(1) Steel, stainless steel, and wrought iron pipe shall not be installed underground on the downstream side of a gas meter.

(2) Steel, stainless steel, and wrought iron pipe shall be at least Schedule 10 and shall comply with the dimensional standards of ANSI/ASME B36.10M, Welded and Seamless Wrought Steel Pipe, and one of the following:

(1) (a) ASTM A53, Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated Welded and Seamless

(2) (b) ASTM A106, Standard Specification for Seamless Carbon Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service

(3) (c) ASTM A312, Standard Specification for Seamless, Welded, and Heavily Cold Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipes

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Justification:
Anodes installed to protect steel pipe underground on the downstream side of the gas meter over time, stop providing the necessary protection, thereby creating a potential hazard. The only way to ensure that the steel pipe is protected is to monitor electrically.

The piping downstream of meter typically is not subject to regulatory oversite and there is no entity to enforce that once protection is installed that it will be monitored and stay protected.

By prohibiting these materials underground that require cathodic protection on the downstream of the meter reduces the need for complex engineering, installation, and monitoring of the cathodic protection systems.

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5.5.4.3 Anodeless Risers.

Anodeless risers shall comply with the following:

(1) Factory-assembled anodeless risers shall be recommended by the manufacturer for the gas used and shall be leak tested by the manufacturer in accordance with written procedures.

(2) Service head adapters and field-assembled anodeless risers incorporating service head adapters shall be recommended by the manufacturer for the gas used and shall be design-certified to meet the requirements of Category I of ASTM D2513, Standard Specification for Polyethylene (PE) Gas Pressure Pipe, Tubing, and Fittings, and 49 CFR 192.281(e). The manufacturer shall provide the user qualified installation instructions as prescribed by 49 CFR 192.283(b).

(3) Only risers that are anodeless shall be installed.

(4) Anodeless risers shall meet either the requirements of ASTM F2509 or ASTM F1973.

The use of plastic pipe, tubing, and fittings in undiluted LP-Gas piping systems shall be in accordance with NFPA 58.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Justifications:
(1) Metallic underground gas carrying pipe or tubing is prone to failure due to corrosion. Anodeless risers eliminate these potential hazards.

(2) Risers that are not anodeless are required to be protected for corrosion. Anodes installed to protect a riser over time, stop providing the necessary protection thereby creating a potential hazard. The only way to ensure that the riser is protected is to monitor electrically. There is no entity to enforce that once protection is installed that it will be monitored and stay protected.

(3) Anodeless risers manufactured in accordance with either of these two standards ensure that they have been proven by test that they are suitable for gas service without hazards associated with underground corrosion.

If the suggestions for 5.5.2.2 are adopted this will also eliminate risers that require anodes.

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Public Input No. 98-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 5.5.6 ]

5.5.6 Metallic Pipe Threads.

5.5.6.1 No pipe threads shall be installed underground.

5.5.6.2 Specifications for Pipe Threads.

Metallic pipe and fitting threads shall be taper pipe threads and shall comply with ANSI/ASME B1.20.1, *Pipe Threads, General Purpose, Inch*.

5.5.6.3 Damaged Threads.

Pipe with threads that are stripped, chipped, corroded, or otherwise damaged shall not be used. Where a weld opens during the operation of cutting or threading, that portion of the pipe shall not be used.

5.5.6.4 Number of Threads.

Field threading of metallic pipe shall be in accordance with Table 5.5.6.4.

Table 5.5.6.4 Specifications for Threading Metallic Pipe

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For SI units, 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

5.5.6.4 Thread Joint Sealing.

5.5.6.4.1 Threaded joints shall be made using a thread joint sealing material.

5.5.6.4.2 Thread joint sealing materials shall be compatible with the pipe and fitting material on which the compounds are used.

5.5.6.4.3 Thread joint sealing materials shall be non-hardening and shall be resistant to the chemical constituents of the gases to be conducted through the piping.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input
Justification:

Pipe threads underground become the area which corrosion attacks first leading to leakage. Leaks close to a structure or within a trench line have been known to migrate through the soil and into a structure causing hazardous conditions.

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5.6.3 Supports.

Gas meters shall be supported, or connected to rigid piping so, by a meter bracket or other non-gas carrying support, as not to exert a strain on the meters. Anodeless risers shall not be used to support a gas meter. Where flexible connectors are used to connect a gas meter to downstream piping at mobile homes in mobile home parks, the meter shall be supported by a post or bracket placed in a firm footing or by other means providing equivalent support.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Justification:

Gas meters are being installed without any support other than the anodeless riser. If the riser settles underground, strain is exerted on the threaded connections above ground causing leaks.

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Public Input No. 100-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.1.1.2 ]

7.1.1.2
Underground plastic piping and anodeless risers shall be installed with sufficient clearance or shall be insulated from any source of heat so as to prevent the heat from impairing the serviceability of the pipe.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Justification:
Anodeless risers are being installed too close to and in firepits causing the plastic piping within the riser to melt and cause leaks.

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**Public Input No. 101-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 7.1.1.2 ]**

### 7.1.1.3

**Anodeless risers shall not be installed in firepits.**

**Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input**

**Justification:**

Anodeless risers are being installed too close to and in firepits causing the plastic piping within the riser to melt and cause leaks.

Respectfully submitted on the behalf of Norton McMurray Manufacturing Company (“NORMAC”).

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Public Input No. 102-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 7.1.3 ]

7.1.3.1 Design and Approvals
All cathodic protection systems installed shall be designed and approved by a qualified corrosion engineer.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Justification:
Cathodic protection systems are not being designed correctly on facilities downstream of the gas meter and are failing due to corrosion.
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Public Input No. 103-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.1.3 [Excluding any Sub-Sections] ]

Steel pipe and steel tubing installed underground shall be installed in accordance with the 7.1.3.1 through 7.1.3.9.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

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Public Input No. 104-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.1.3.1 ]

7.1.3.1
Zinc coating (galvanizing) shall not be deemed adequate protection for underground gas piping.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Renumbering after proposing the addition of a new 7.1.3.1

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Public Input No. 105-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.1.3.2 ]

7.1.3.2.2

Underground piping shall comply with one or more of the following unless approved technical justification is provided to demonstrate that protection is unnecessary:

1. The piping shall be made of corrosion-resistant material that is suitable for the environment in which it will be installed.

2. Pipe shall have a factory-applied, electrically insulating coating. Fittings and joints between sections of coated pipe shall be coated in accordance with the coating manufacturer's instructions.

3. The piping shall have a cathodic protection system installed, and the system shall be maintained in accordance with 7.1.3.4. or 7.1.3.6.7.

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Public Input No. 106-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 7.1.3.3]

7.1.3.3 4
Cathodic protection systems shall be monitored by testing and the results shall be documented. The test results shall demonstrate one of the following:

1. A pipe-to-soil voltage of −0.85 volts or more negative is produced, with reference to a saturated copper-copper sulfate half cell
2. A pipe-to-soil voltage of −0.78 volts or more negative is produced, with reference to a saturated KCl calomel half cell
3. A pipe-to-soil voltage of −0.80 volts or more negative is produced, with reference to a silver-silver chloride half cell
4. Compliance with a method described in Appendix D of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 192

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

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7/13/2021 National Fire Protection Association Report

Public Input No. 107-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.1.3.4 ]

7.1.3.4 – Sacrificial anodes shall be tested in accordance with the following:

1. Upon installation of the cathodic protection system, except where prohibited by climatic conditions, in which case the testing shall be performed not later than 180 days after the installation of the system.
2. 12 to 18 months after the initial test.
3. Upon successful verification testing in accordance with (1) and (2), periodic follow-up testing shall be performed at intervals not to exceed 36 months.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

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7.1.3.5 – 6
Systems failing a test shall be repaired not more than 180 days after the date of the failed testing. The testing schedule shall be restarted as required in 7.1.3.4(1) and 7.1.3.4(2), and the results shall comply with 7.1.3.3.

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### Public Input No. 109-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.1.3.6 ]

#### 7.1.3.6 – Z

Impressed current cathodic protection systems shall be inspected and tested in accordance with the following schedule:

1. The impressed current rectifier voltage output shall be checked at intervals not exceeding two months.
2. The pipe-to-soil voltage shall be tested at least annually.

### Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

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Public Input No. 110-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 7.1.3.7 ]

7.1.3.7 – 8
Documentation of the results of the two most recent tests shall be retained.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

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7.1.3.8 - 9

Where dissimilar metals are joined underground, an insulating coupling or fitting shall be used.

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7.1.3.9 10
Steel risers, other than anodeless risers, connected to plastic piping shall be cathodically protected by means of a welded anode not be installed.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Renumbering after proposing the addition of a new 7.1.3.1

Justification:

Risers that are not anodeless are required to be protected for corrosion. Anodes installed to protect a riser over time, stop providing the necessary protection. The only way to ensure that the riser is protected is to monitor electrically. There is no entity to enforce that once protection is installed that it will be monitored and stay protected.

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Public Input No. 113-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 9.6.1 ]

9.6.1.6 Disconnected Open Connector Protection
Each connector shall have a suitable plug or cap connected with a wire or strap no more than 24” from the end of the connector opening for installation to the open connector whenever the connector is disconnected from the appliance.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Many accidents occur every year because connectors are left disconnected and gas either leaks through isolation valves or they are not shut properly or valves are accidentally turned on. If we require a plug or cap to be immediately there we dramatically enhance the chances of the end being capped or plugged.

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Public Input No. 114-NFPA 54-2021 [ Section No. 11.6 ]

11.6* Checking the Draft.

Draft hood–equipped appliances shall be checked to verify that there is no draft hood spillage after 5 minutes of main burner operation under the following conditions:

a) Building or structure envelope is complete and intact such that it represents future operating conditions of the appliance.

b) All combustion air systems, and or openings are in place.

c) All air consuming appliances and exhaust fans are on and operational.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Checking draft means nothing unless there is actually a completed and enclosed building envelope representative of the final structure. It also means nothing if conditions representative of the final configuration for combustion air and other exhaust fans and or operating appliances are not functional.

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Public Input No. 115-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 12.4.3 ]

12.4.3.6 Induced Draft Systems
Induced draft systems shall be installed such that no air leakage occurs to the negative side of the system that would compromise performance.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input
There is a section for verifying no air leakage from the positive side of an induced draft system to prevent CO escape to an occupied space. However, if air leaks into the negative side of such a system its capacity is reduced and the appliance performance, especially the combustion system and the ability to remove flue products, is compromised.

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Public Input No. 116-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 2.2]

2.2 NFPA Publications.
National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Inclusion of NFPA 715 as a “reference publication” is consistent with NFPA 54 “Applicability” (Section 1.1.1) references to “equipment, and related accessories” shown the charging statement (Section 1.1.1.1(F)) and Section 1.1.1.1(F).

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Public Input No. 117-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after D.1 ]

D.2
Where accumulation of gas inside of a building is detected by odor or by activation of a combustible gas detector or system designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 715, "Standard for the Installation of Fuel Gases Detection and Warning Equipment, 2023 edition," procedures called for under Section D.1 of this annex should be followed.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Current text of Annex D needs to include recommended actions in response to odor recognition and combustible gas detector and systems, the latter designed and installed in accordance with NFPA Standard 715.

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Public Input No. 118-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 2.3.5]

2.3.5 UL Publications.
Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062-2096. www.ul.com
UL 441, Gas Vents, 2016, revised 2019.
UL 467, Grounding and Bonding Equipment, 2013.
UL 1777, Chimney Liners, 2015, revised 2019.
UL 2989, Outline of Investigation for Tracer Wire, 2016.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input
Update UL publications to the most recent edition. UL 2989 was developed to establish specific construction and performance testing criteria to determine the suitability of wire for use underground as a detectable tracer wire.

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Public Input No. 119-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 7.1.7.3.1]

7.1.7.3.1
The tracer shall be one of the following:

(1) A product specifically designed for that purpose
(2) Insulated copper conductor not less than 14 AWG
(3) Tracer wire listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2989

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

UL 2989 was developed to establish specific construction and performance testing criteria to determine the suitability of wire for use underground as a detectable tracer wire.

The tests include:
• Physical Properties of Insulation
• Mechanical Water Absorption
• Cold-Bend Test
• Crushing Resistance
• Impact Resistance
• Unwinding of Low Temperature
• Dielectric-Voltage Withstand

Including the specific reference to UL 2989 clarifies what products are specifically designed for the specific purpose of tracer wires. UL currently has 15 manufacturers that have tracer wire listed to UL 2989.

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K.1.2.8 UL Publications.
Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062-2096. www.ul.com
UL 651, Schedule 40 and 80, Type EB and A, Rigid PVC Conduit and Fittings, 2011, revised 2019.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Update UL publications to the most recent edition.

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Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Since the 2001 edition, NFPA 58 "LP-Gas Code" has allowed the use of PVC conforming to ANSI/UL 651 to be exposed to the indoors where used to vent second stage regulators that are installed indoors. This practice is currently prohibited in the National Fuel Gas Code, but there is good reason to reconsider this position.

- Using black iron or galvanized pipe or larger diameter copper tubing could impose excessive stresses on the regulator housing. When regulators had 1/4-inch vent openings, small diameter tubing used to extend vents imposed minimal stress on the regulator. However, regulators now install 1/2-, 3/4-, and 1-inch vent openings which lead to much greater stresses on the housing.
- UL 651 PVC conduit is tested for limited resistance to fire. However, LP-gas second stage and line pressure regulators, which are both approved for use inside buildings, are not required to be fire resistant. Regulators contain components which have low melting points. Plastic regulator vent caps and adjusting screws will melt at temperatures as low as 225°F, and the elastomer materials of regulator diaphragms and seat discs will fail at approximately 400°F. Therefore, there is no enhancement of safety in mandating fire-resistant vent piping, when the regulator assembly itself is not tested for fire resistance.
- A related concern is that where a large structure is involved in fire, regulator vent piping may be exposed to fire while the regulator itself may not be. It is important to note that under most circumstances, regulator vent piping does not contain gas—it only carries gas when the regulator is in vent discharge mode. If the regulator itself is not involved in a fire, there is no reasonable expectation to believe that it will vent fuel gas and therefore involvement of the vent piping alone in a fire does not pose any additional safety risk.

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12.14.2.1
Where a balancing baffle is employed, provision shall be made to prevent the flow of gas to the main burners when the balancing baffle is not performing so as to satisfy the operating requirements of the appliance for safe performance.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Balancing baffles are fixed baffles placed in the vent connector that may have not been approved by the appliance or vent manufacturer. There is no requirement in UL378, Z21.66 or other venting standards to interlock the baffle with the appliance upon failure. If the balancing baffle were to fail in a draft hooded or system with a barometric draft regulator, placed downstream of the draft regulator, this would present a significant safety hazard to occupants in the room. Each connector should prove the proper draft and in case of the baffle failure the appliance should be shut down.

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2.2 NFPA Publications.
National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Inclusion of NFPA 715 as a “reference publication” is consistent with NFPA 54 “Applicability” (Section 1.1.1) references to “equipment, and related accessories” shown the charging statement (Section 1.1.1.1) and Section 1.1.1.1(F).

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D.2

Where accumulation of gas inside of a building is detected by odor or by activation of a combustible
gas detector or system designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 715, “Standard for the
Installation of Fuel Gases Detection and Warning Equipment, 2023 edition,” procedures called for
under Section D.1 of this annex should be followed.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Current text of Annex D needs to include recommended actions in response to odor recognition and
combustible gas detector or system activation, the latter designed and installed in accordance with
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odor or leak detection.

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Public Input No. 126-NFPA 54-2021 [Section No. 3.3.84.1 [Excluding any Sub-Sections]]

A device that functions to maintain a desired draft in the appliance by automatically reducing/maintaining the draft to the desired value.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Some modern appliances require a positive outlet pressure and the draft regulator is required to maintain the required draft in excess or absence of draft.

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Public Input No. 127-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 3.3.84.1 ]

3.3.84.2 Draft Control Regulator

A listed damper device attached to a chimney, vent connector, breeching, or flue gas manifold to control the vent, vent connector or chimney pressure.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Draft control dampers or draft control devices are usually placed inside the chimney, vent or vent connector to automatically maintain the required appliance outlet pressure. These devices are common and should be addressed by NFPA 54.

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Public Input No. 128-NFPA 54-2021 [ New Section after 12.7.4.3 ]

12.7.4.3.1 Total Btu Inut
The chimney or vent system shall be sized for the total btu input.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

Many systems are currently being sized for partial load instead of the total btu. The theory is the appliances are sized for redundancy, so the vent or chimney system should be sized for the required btu instead of the total btu. In practice, building operations change over time and may require more btu's than the original design. While the total appliance btu might be able to compensate for the change the chimney or vent system cannot.

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