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### Introduction

This International Standard has incorporated criteria and thresholds together with experience gained from the most recent data. Various countries have a very different approach to the prevention of AC corrosion depending primarily on the DC interference situation. These different approaches are taken into account in two different ways

- either in presence of “low” on-potentials, which allows a certain level of AC voltage (up to 15 V), or
- in presence of “high” on-potentials (with DC stray current interference on the pipeline for instance) which requires the reduction of the AC voltage towards the lowest possible levels.

This International Standard also gives some parameters to consider when evaluating the AC corrosion likelihood, as well as detailed measurement techniques, mitigation measures, and measurements to carry out for commissioning of any AC corrosion mitigation system. Note that [Annex E](#) proposes other parameters and thresholds that require further validation based on practical experiences.

# Corrosion of metals and alloys — Determination of AC corrosion — Protection criteria

## 1 Scope

This International Standard is applicable to buried cathodically-protected pipeline that is influenced by AC traction systems and/or AC power lines.

In the presence of AC interference, the protection criteria given in ISO 15589-1 are not sufficient to demonstrate that the steel is being protected against corrosion.

This International Standard provides limits, measurement procedures, mitigation measures, and information to deal with long term AC interference for AC voltages at frequencies between 16,7 and 60 Hz and the evaluation of AC corrosion likelihood.

This International Standard deals with the possibility of AC corrosion of metallic pipelines due to AC interferences caused by inductive, conductive or capacitive coupling with AC power systems and the maximum tolerable limits of these interference effects. It takes into account the fact that this is a long-term effect, which occurs during normal operating conditions of the AC power system.

This International Standard does not cover the safety issues associated with AC voltages on pipelines. These are covered in national standards and regulations (see e.g. EN 50443).

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 15589-1, *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Cathodic protection of pipeline systems — Part 1: On-land pipelines*

ISO 8044, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Basic terms and definitions*

IEC 61010-1, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurements, control, and laboratory use — Part 1: General requirements*

EN 13509, *Cathodic protection measurement techniques*

EN 15257, *Cathodic protection — Competence levels and certification of cathodic protection personnel*

EN 50443, *Effects of electromagnetic interference on pipelines caused by high voltage AC electric traction systems and/or high voltage AC power supply systems*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8044 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **AC electric traction system**

AC railway electrical distribution network used to provide energy for rolling stock

Note 1 to entry: The system can comprise the following:

— contact line systems;

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