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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 156, *Corrosion of metal and alloys*.

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- references cited informatively (EN 13509 and EN 15257) have been moved from [Clause 2](#) to the Bibliography;
- in [Clause 7](#), the two instances of the phrase “AC current density” have been changed to “AC average current density”.

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Introduction

This document 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:

- in the presence of “low” on-potentials, which allows a certain level of AC voltage (up to 15 V);
- in the 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 document 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 the commissioning of any AC corrosion mitigation system. [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 document specifies protection criteria for determining the AC corrosion risk of cathodically protected pipelines.

It is applicable to buried cathodically protected pipelines that are 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 document provides limits, measurement procedures, mitigation measures, and information to deal with long-term AC interference for AC voltages at frequencies between 16,7 Hz and 60 Hz and the evaluation of AC corrosion likelihood.

This document deals with the possibility of AC corrosion of metallic pipelines due to AC interferences caused by conductive, inductive 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 document 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 documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 8044, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Basic terms and definitions*

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

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

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

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