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Foreword

THE need for a national code for pressure piping became increasingly evident from 1915 to 1925. To meet this need, the American Engineering Standards Committee (later changed to American Standards Association and then to United States of America Standards Institute) initiated Project B31 in March, 1926, at the request of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and with that Society as the sole administrative sponsor. Because of the wide field involved, Standards Committee B31 was composed of representatives of some 40 different engineering societies, industries, government bureaus, institutes, and trade associations. After several years work, the first edition was published in 1935 as an American Tentative Standard Code for Pressure Piping.

In order to keep the code abreast of current developments in piping design, welding, stress computations, new dimensional and material standards and specifications and increases in the severity of service conditions, revisions, supplements and new editions of the code have been published as follows:

- B31.1 – 1942 American Standard Code for Pressure Piping
 - 1942 Procedure established for handling interpretation of code requirements
- B31.1a – 1944 Supplement 1
- B31.1b – 1947 Supplement 2
- B31.1 – 1951 American Standard Code for Pressure Piping
 - B31.1a – 1953 Supplement 1 to B31.1 – 1951
 - B31.1 – 1955 American Standard Code for Pressure Piping

After a review by B31 Executive and Standards Committees in 1955, a decision was made to develop and publish industry sections as separate code documents of the USA Standard B31 Code for Pressure Piping. Section 2 of B31.1-1955 was revised extensively (in title, scope, format and contents) and approved by USASI on December 12, 1968 as USAS B31.2-1968, Fuel Gas Piping.

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