SECTION 230510 BASIC PIPING MATERIALS AND METHODS

PART 1 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Joining materials.
- B. Escutcheons.
- C. Nipples.
- D. Unions.
- E. Dielectric unions.
- F. Dielectric waterway fittings.
- G. Dielectric flanges and flange kits.
- H. Mechanical sleeve seals.

1.02 SUBMITTALS

- A. Refer to Division 01 and Division 23 Section "General Mechanical Requirements" for administrative and procedural requirements for submittals.
- B. Product Data, including, rated capacities of selected models, weights (shipping, installed, and operating), furnished specialties and accessories, and installation instructions.
- C. Quality Assurance Submittals: Submit welders' certificates specified in Article "Quality Assurance" below.
- D. Piping Schedule: Submit a piping schedule that states the material being proposed for each piping system application in the project including manufacturer's catalog information, pipe materials, sizes, fittings, Type, Grade, Schedule, applicable ASTM standard, and connection method(s).
- E. Submit a schedule of dissimilar metal joints and dielectric flanges, flange kits, unions, or waterway fittings. Include proposed product, joint type materials, and connection method to isolate dissimilar metals. Refer to the individual Division 23 piping system specification sections for piping materials and fittings relative to that particular system and additional requirements.
- F. Submit certification that fittings and specialties are manufactured in plants located in the United States or certified that they comply with applicable ANSI and ASTM standards.

- G. Manufacturer's Installation Instructions: Indicate hanging and support methods and joining procedures.
- H. Maintenance Data: Include installation instructions, spare parts lists, exploded assembly views.
- I. Shop Drawings: Include detailed fabrication of pipe anchors, hangers, special pipe support assemblies, alignment guides, expansion joints and loops, and their attachment to the building structure.
- J. Coordination Drawings: Include piping layout, drawn to scale, on which the following items are shown and coordinated with each other, using input from installers of the items involved:
 - 1. Suspended ceiling components.
 - 2. Other building services.
 - 3. Structural members.
- K. As-built drawings for each piping system in electronic and PDF format.
- L. Refer to the individual piping system specification sections in Division 23 for additional requirements.

1.03 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Welder's Qualifications: All welders shall be qualified in accordance with ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (BPVC), Section IX, "Welding, Brazing, and Fusing Qualifications."
- B. Comply with ASME B31.9 Building Services Piping, most recent edition.
- C. Comply with American Welding Society (AWS), Welding Handbook, most recent edition.
- D. Soldering and Brazing procedures shall conform to ANSI B9.1 Safety Code for Mechanical Refrigeration.
- E. Pipe specialties and fittings shall be manufactured in plants located in the United States or certified to meet the specified ASTM, ASME, and ANSI standards.
- F. Refer to the individual piping system specification sections in Division 23 for additional requirements.

1.04 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

A. Provide temporary end caps and closures on piping and fittings. Maintain in place until installation.

- B. Protect piping systems from entry of foreign materials by temporary covers, completing sections of the work, and isolating parts of completed system.
- C. Refer to the individual piping system specification sections in Division 23 for additional requirements.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS

2.01 PIPE AND FITTINGS

A. Refer to the individual piping system specification sections in Division 23 for specifications on piping and fittings relative to that particular system.

2.02 JOINING MATERIALS

- A. Refer to individual Division 23 Piping Sections for special joining materials not listed below.
- B. Pipe Threads: ASME B1.20.1 for factory-threaded pipe and pipe fittings.
- C. Welding Materials: Comply with AWS D10.12 and Section II, Part C, ASME BPVC for welding materials appropriate for the wall thickness and chemical analysis of the pipe being welded.
- D. Brazing Filler Metals: Comply with SFA-5.8, Section II, ASME BPVC for brazing filler metal materials appropriate for the materials being joined.
 - 1. AWS A5.8, Classification BAg–5:
 - a) Silver (Ag) 44.0 46.0 percent.
 - b) Zinc (Z) 23.0 27.0 percent.
 - c) Copper (Cu) 29.0 31.0 percent.
 - 2. AWS A5.8, Classification BCuP–5:
 - a) Phosphorus (P) 4.8 5.2 percent.
 - b) Silver (Ag) 14.5 15.5 percent.
 - c) Copper (Cu) remainder.
- E. Soldering Filler Metals: ASTM B32, 95-5 Tin-Antimony and water flushable flux in accordance with ASTM B813.
- F. Plastic Pipe Solvent Cement:
 - 1. PVC: ASTM D2564.
 - 2. CPVC: ASTM F493.
- G. Gaskets for Flanged Joints: ASME B16.21, full-faced for cast-iron flanges and raised-face for steel flanges. Select material, thickness, and type to suit the service of the piping system in which installed and which conform to their respective

ASME Standard (A21.11, B16.20, or B16.21). Provide materials that will not be detrimentally affected by the chemical and thermal conditions of the fluid being carried.

2.03 ESCUTCHEONS

- A. Manufacturers:
 - 1. AWI Manufacturing.
 - 2. Keeney Manufacturing Company.
 - 3. Wal-Rich Corp.
 - 4. Jones Stephens Corp.
 - 5. Approved equal.
- B. Chrome-plated, stamped-steel, hinged, split-ring escutcheon, with set screw. Inside diameter shall closely fit pipe outside diameter, or outside of pipe insulation where pipe is insulated. Outside diameter shall completely cover the opening in floors, walls, or ceilings.

2.04 NIPPLES

A. Steel: ASTM A733, made of ASTM A53, Schedule 40, black steel; Type S seamless for pipe sizes 2 inch and smaller, Type E electric-resistance welded for pipe sizes 2-1/2 inch and larger.

2.05 UNIONS:

- A. Manufacturers:
 - 1. Anvil International.
 - 2. Hart Industries.
 - 3. Mueller Streamline Co.
 - 4. Victaulic Company of America.
 - 5. Watts Regulator Co.
 - 6. Approved equal.
- B. Hexagonal stock, with ball-and-socket joints, metal-to-metal bronze seating surfaces; female threaded ends.
 - 1. Malleable-iron: ASME B16.39, class as specified in section "Hydronic Piping" for the piping system used.
 - 2. Bronze: ASME B16.15, cast bronze body meeting ASTM B62, class as specified in section "Hydronic Piping" for the piping system used.
 - 3. Copper: ASME B16.22 wrought copper body.
 - a) For hydronic systems, provide class as specified in section "Hydronic Piping" for the piping system used.
 - b) For refrigerant systems, provide pressure rating as required for the refrigerant type used.

2.06 DIELECTRIC UNIONS

- A. Manufacturers:
 - 1. Hart Industries.
 - 2. Victaulic Company of America.
 - 3. Watts Regulator Co.
 - 4. Approved equal.
- B. Factory-fabricated with cast bronze body meeting ASTM B584 and galvanized or black steel body with plastic dielectric gasket, class 125 for low pressure service and class 250 for high pressure service, and appropriate end connections for the pipe materials in which installed (screwed or soldered) to effectively isolate dissimilar metals, prevent galvanic action, and stop corrosion.

2.07 DIELECTRIC WATERWAY FITTINGS

- A. Manufacturers:
 - 1. Grinnell Mechanical Products.
 - 2. Victaulic Company of America (Sweat and threaded connections only).
 - 3. Approved equal.
- A. Electroplated steel, brass, bronze, or nylon encapsulated nipple, with an inert and noncorrosive, thermoplastic lining, and appropriate end connections for the pipe materials in which installed (screwed, soldered, grooved, or flanged) to effectively isolate dissimilar metals, prevent galvanic action, and stop corrosion.

2.08 DIELECTRIC FLANGES AND FLANGE KITS

- A. Manufacturers:
 - 1. Advance Products & Systems, Inc.
 - 2. Calpico, Inc.
 - 3. Pipeline Seal & Insulator, Inc.
 - 4. Tampa Rubber & Gasket Co. Inc.
 - 5. Watts Water Technologies.
 - 6. Approved equal.
- B. Full-faced gasket with same outside diameter and bolt hole arrangement as the flange. Conform to ANSI B16.5. Pressure rating of 200 psi for low pressure service and 400 psi for high pressure service at a continuous operating temperature of 180F.
- C. Steel washers, thermoplastic washers and bolt isolation sleeves or thermoplastic combination washers and bolt sleeves.

D. Flanges: Cast bronze meeting ASTM B584, class 125 solder type or cast iron meeting ASTM A536, class 125 threaded type for low pressure service, bronze class 250 solder type or cast iron class 250 threaded type for high pressure service.

2.09 MECHANICAL SLEEVE SEALS

- A. Manufacturers:
 - 1. Thunderline/Link Seal.
 - 2. Calpico, Inc.
 - 3. Metraflex Co.
 - 4. Approved equal.
- B. Sleeves: Refer to Division 23 Section "Common Work Results for HVAC" for sleeve materials.
- C. Modular mechanical type, consisting of interlocking synthetic rubber links shaped to continuously fill annular space between pipe and sleeve, connected with bolts and pressure plates which cause rubber sealing elements to expand when tightened, providing watertight seal and electrical insulation.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 PREPARATION

- A. Ream ends of pipes and tubes, and remove burrs. Bevel plain ends of steel pipe.
- B. Remove scale, slag, dirt, and debris for both inside and outside of piping and fittings before assembly.

3.02 INSTALLATION, GENERAL

- A. Install products in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Drawings (plans, schematics, and diagrams) indicate the general location and arrangement of the piping systems. Location and arrangement of piping layout take into consideration pipe sizing and friction loss, expansion, pump sizing, and other design considerations. So far as practical, install piping as indicated. Refer to individual system specifications for requirements for coordination drawing submittals.
- C. Conceal all pipe installations in walls, pipe chases, utility spaces, above ceilings, below grade or floors, unless indicated to be exposed to view.
- D. Install piping free of sags and bends and with ample space between piping to permit proper insulation applications.

- E. Install exposed piping at right angles or parallel to building walls. Diagonal runs are not permitted, unless expressly indicated on the Drawings.
- F. Install horizontal piping as high as possible allowing for specified slope and coordination with other components. Install vertical piping tight to columns or walls. Provide space to permit insulation applications, with 1 inch clearance outside the insulation. Allow sufficient space above removable ceiling panels to allow for panel removal.
- G. Locate groups of pipes parallel to each other, spaced to permit applying full insulation and servicing of valves.
- H. Support piping from structure. Do not support piping from ceilings, equipment, ductwork, conduit and other non-structural elements.
- I. Install drains at low points in mains, risers, and branch lines consisting of a tee fitting, 3/4 inch ball valve, and short 3/4 inch threaded nipple and cap.
- J. Verify final equipment locations for roughing in.
- K. Use fittings for all changes in direction and all branch connections.
- L. Remake leaking joints using new materials.
- M. Install components with pressure rating equal to or greater than system operating pressure.
- N. Piping Protection:
 - 1. Protect piping during construction period, to avoid clogging with dirt and debris, and to prevent damage from traffic and construction work.
 - 2. Place plugs in ends of uncompleted piping at end of day or whenever work stops.

3.03 PENETRATIONS

- A. Mechanical penetrations occur when piping or ductwork penetrate concrete slabs, concrete or masonry walls, or fire / smoke rated floor and wall assemblies. Reference Division 23 Section "Common Work Results for HVAC" for additional penetration requirements.
- B. Above Grade Concrete or Masonry Penetrations:
 - 1. Provide sleeves for pipes passing through above grade concrete or masonry walls, concrete floor or roof slabs. Sleeves are not required for core drilled holes in existing masonry walls, concrete floors or roofs.
 - a) Provide Schedule 40 galvanized steel pipe for sleeves smaller than 6 inches in diameter.

- b) Provide galvanized sheet metal for sleeves 6 inches in diameter and larger, thickness shall be 10 gauge (0.1382 inches).
- c) Provide welded galvanized sheet metal for rectangular sleeves with the following minimum metal thickness:
 - 1) For sleeve cross-section rectangle perimeter less than 50 inches and no side greater than 16 inches, thickness shall be 18 gauge (0.052 inches).
 - 2) For sleeve cross-section rectangle perimeter equal to, or greater than, 50 inches and 1 or more sides equal to, or greater than, 16 inches, thickness shall be 10 gauge (0.1382 inches).
- d) Schedule 40 PVC pipe sleeves are acceptable for use in areas without return air plenums.
- 2. Extend pipe insulation for insulated pipe through floor, wall and roof penetrations, including fire rated walls and floors. The vapor barrier shall be maintained. Size sleeve for a minimum of 1 inch annular clear space between inside of sleeve and outside of insulation.
- 3. Seal elevated floor, exterior wall and roof penetrations watertight and weathertight with non-shrink, non-hardening commercial sealant. Pack with mineral wool and seal both ends with minimum of 1/2 inch of sealant.
- C. Elevated Floor Penetrations of Waterproof Membrane:
 - 1. Provide cast-iron sleeves, extend top of sleeve minimum 1 inch above finish floor. Size sleeve for minimum 1/2 inch annular space between pipe and sleeve.
 - 2. Extend pipe insulation for insulated pipe through sleeve. The vapor barrier shall be maintained. Size sleeve for a minimum of 1 inch annular clear space between inside of sleeve and outside of insulation.
 - 3. Pack with mineral wool and seal both ends with minimum of 1/2 inch of waterproof sealant. Refer to Division 07 Section "Joint Sealants" for materials and installation.
 - 4. Secure waterproof membrane flashing between clamping flange and clamping ring. Comply with requirements for flashing specified in Division 07 Section "Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim."
 - 5. Extend bottom of sleeve below floor slab as required and secure underdeck clamp to hold sleeve rigidly in place.
- D. Interior Foundation Penetrations:
 - 1. Provide sleeves for horizontal pipe passing through or under foundation. Sleeves shall be cast iron soil pipe two nominal pipe sizes larger than the pipe served.
- E. Interior Penetrations of Non-Fire-Rated Walls:

- 1. Seal annular space between sleeve and pipe or duct, using joint sealant appropriate for size, depth, and location of joint. Pack with mineral wool and seal both ends with minimum of 1/2 inch of sealant. Refer to Division 07 Section "Joint Sealants" for materials and installation.
- 2. Extend pipe insulation for insulated pipe through sleeve. The vapor barrier shall be maintained. Size sleeve for a minimum of 1 inch annular clear space between inside of sleeve and outside of insulation.
- F. Fire / Smoke Rated Floor and Wall Assemblies:
 - 1. Seal around penetrations of fire rated assemblies to maintain fire resistance rating of fire-rated assemblies. Coordinate fire ratings and locations with the architectural drawings. Install sealants in compliance with the manufacturer's UL listing. Refer to Division 07 Section "Penetration Firestopping" for special sealers and materials.
- G. Acoustical Barrier Penetrations:
 - 1. Where a pipe passes through a wall, ceiling or floor slab of a noise critical space, a steel sleeve shall be cast or grouted into the structure. Refer to Section "Common Work Results for HVAC" for noise critical spaces. The internal diameter of the sleeve shall be minimum of 2 inches larger than the external diameter of the pipe. After the piping is installed, the Contractor shall check the clearance and correct it to within 1/2-inch. Contractor shall pack the void full depth with glass/mineral fiber insulation and seal at both ends, 1-inch deep, with sealant backed by foam rod.
 - 2. Penetration of sound isolating ceilings by sprinkler pipes and heads shall be sleeved and sealed and shall have no rigid connections between them.

3.04 PIPE JOINT CONSTRUCTION

- B. Threaded Joints:
 - 1. Provide tapered pipe threads for field cut threads. Cut threads full and clean using sharp dies.
 - 2. Ream threaded pipe ends to remove burrs and restore full inner diameter.
 - 3. Note the internal length of threads in fittings or valve ends and proximity of internal seat or wall to determine how far pipe should be threaded into joint.
 - 4. Align threads at point of assembly.
 - 5. Apply appropriate tape or thread compound to the male pipe threads except where dry seal threading is specified.
 - 6. Assemble joint wrench tight. Wrench on valve shall be on the valve end into which the pipe is being threaded. Tighten joint to leave not more than 3 threads exposed.
 - 7. Damaged Threads: Do not use pipe or pipe fittings with threads which are corroded or damaged.
- C. Flanged Joints:
 - 1. Select appropriate gasket material, size, type, and thickness for service application.

- 2. Install gasket concentrically positioned.
- 3. Align flanges surfaces parallel.
- 4. Assemble joints by sequencing bolt tightening to make initial contact of flanges and gaskets as flat and parallel as possible.
- 5. Use suitable lubricants on bolt threads.
- 6. Tighten bolts gradually and uniformly using torque wrench.
- D. Welded Joints:
 - 1. Comply with the requirement in ASME Code B31.9, "Building Services Piping."
 - 2. Damaged Welds: Do not use pipe sections that have cracked or open welds.
- E. Brazed and Soldered Joints:
 - 1. Soldered Joints: Comply with the procedures contained in the AWS "Soldering Manual."
 - 2. Brazed Joints: Comply with the procedures contained in the AWS "Brazing Manual."
 - 3. WARNING: Some filler metals contain compounds which produce highly toxic fumes when heated. Avoid breathing fumes. Provide adequate ventilation.
 - 4. CAUTION: Remove stems, seats, and packing of valves and accessible internal parts at piping specialties before brazing.
 - 1. Thoroughly clean tube surface and inside surface of the cup of the fittings, using very fine emery cloth, prior to making joint.
 - 2. Wipe tube and fittings clean and apply flux. Flux shall not be used as the sole means for cleaning tube and fitting surfaces.
 - 5. Copper-to-copper joints shall be made using BCuP-5 brazing filler metal without flux.
 - 6. Dissimilar metals such as copper and brass shall be jointed using an appropriate flux with either BCuP-5 or BAg-5 brazing filler metal. Apply flux sparingly to the clean tube only and in a manner to avoid leaving any excess inside the completed joint.
 - 7. Continuously purge the pipe and fittings during brazing with an inert gas (i.e., dry nitrogen or carbon dioxide) to prevent formation of scale. Maintain purge until the joint is cool to the touch.
 - 8. Heat joints using oxy-acetylene torch. Heat to proper and uniform temperature.
 - 9. Provide temporary cap or cover on completed joints with open ends to prevent entry of contaminating materials.
 - B. Mechanical Refrigerant Pipe Joints: Flared compression fittings may be used for refrigerant lines 3/4 inch and smaller.
- F. Socket Joints:
 - 1. Comply with ASTM F402 for safe-handling practice of cleaners, primers, and solvent cements.
 - 2. Prepare surfaces to be solvent cemented by wiping with a clean cloth moistened with acetone or methylethyl keytone.
 - 3. CPVC Joints: Solvent cement joints in accordance with ASTM D2846.
 - 4. PVC Joints: Solvent cement joints in accordance to ASTM D2672.

C. Joints for other piping materials are specified within the respective piping system Sections.

3.05 UNIONS

A. Install unions on pipes 2 inch and smaller, adjacent to each valve, at final connections to each piece of equipment, and elsewhere as indicated. Unions are not required on flanged devices.

3.06 DIELECTRIC UNIONS

- A. Install dielectric unions for piping 2 inch and smaller to connect piping materials of dissimilar metals in dry piping systems (gas, compressed air, vacuum) for the following conditions:
 - 1. Copper or brass connected to carbon steel, stainless steel, cast or ductile iron.
- B. Install dielectric unions for piping 2 inch and smaller to connect piping materials of dissimilar metals in wet piping systems (water, steam) for the following conditions:
 - 1. Copper or brass connected to carbon steel, stainless steel, cast or ductile iron.
 - 2. Install waterway fittings where installation is concealed. Do not install dielectric unions in concealed spaces.

3.07 DIELECTRIC WATERWAY FITTINGS

A. Install dielectric waterway fittings for piping 2 inch and smaller for copper or brass pipe connections to carbon steel equipment connections.

3.08 DIELECTRIC FLANGES AND FLANGE KITS

- A. Install dielectric flanges for piping 2-1/2 inch and larger to connect piping materials of dissimilar metals in dry piping systems (gas, compressed air, vacuum) for the following conditions:
 - 1. Copper or brass connected to carbon steel, stainless steel, cast or ductile iron.
- B. Install dielectric flanges for piping 2-1/2 inch and larger to connect piping materials of dissimilar metals in wet piping systems (water, steam) for the following conditions:
 - 1. Copper or brass connected to carbon steel, stainless steel, cast or ductile iron.
 - 2. Install waterway fittings where installation is concealed. Do not install dielectric flanges in concealed spaces.

- C. Provide brass nipples between the equipment connection and dielectric flange for screwed connections. Provide an iron flange for the equipment side and a bronze flange for the copper or brass piping side of the joint.
- D. Provide a bronze flange for the copper or brass piping connection to a cast iron, ductile iron or steel flange.
- E. Provide full face gasket with pressure rating equal to system served.
- F. At each bolt provide steel washers, thermoplastic washers, and bolt isolation sleeves or thermoplastic combination washers and bolt sleeves.

3.09 PIPE FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Testing: Refer to individual piping system specification sections.

END OF SECTION