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GUIDE TO GOOD PRACTICE FOR ACOUSTIC EMISSION TESTING OF PRESSURE EQUIPMENT



Within the framework of the AFIAP, the "Acoustic Emission Group" has prepared the first reference document relating to AE testing which describes the methodology from the definition of the application procedures to the interpretation of the results, entitled "Guide to good practice for AE testing of pressure equipment". The guide incorporates the requirements from the available standards and the experience of this test practice acquired by skilled workers.

It includes general items and annexes, each of them is applicable to a type of equipment (spheres, small buried tanks...). It comes out at the time of entering into force of the new regulations applicable to pressure equipment, modified Decree of December 13, 1999 and enforcement Order of March 15, 2000. It should make it possible to facilitate the use of acoustic emission especially in the case of requalification of particular equipment by permitting the replacement of some hydraulic proof tests by hydrostatic or pneumatic tests monitored by acoustic emission.

This guide has been the subject of an enforcement circular which states the conditions for its application. The French Main Committee for Pressure Vessels has approved recently the guide (edition 2004).

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