# Overview of API Standards activity on HPHT

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#### **API** Overview

- API formed in 1919 as national trade association to support the U.S. oil and natural gas industry
- API Standards Department published first standard in 1924 covering pipe sizes, threads, and couplings
- Today, API maintains more than 600 standards with 240 on E&P activities
- API Standards in regulation
  - 88 standards referenced by BSEE in CFR
  - 130 standards referenced by US Government in total
  - 216 standards referenced by state governments
  - 225 standards referenced globally

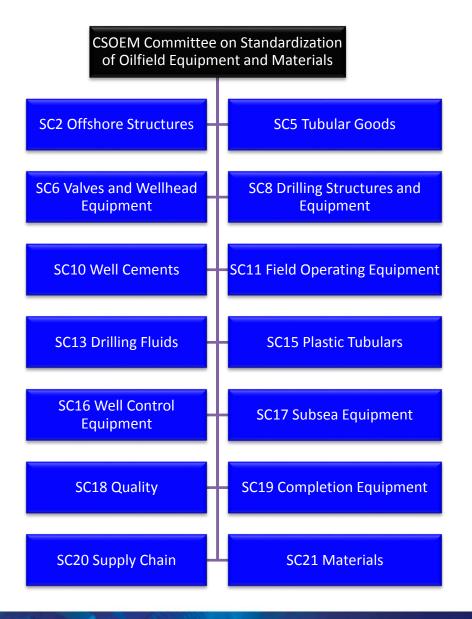


#### **API Overview**

- 6 Committees developing standards
  - Committee on Standardization of Oilfield Equipment & Materials
  - Drilling and Production Operations
  - Committee on Refinery Equipment
  - Pipeline Standards Committee
  - Safety and Fire Protection Committee
  - Committee on Petroleum Measurement

## API CSOEM Organization

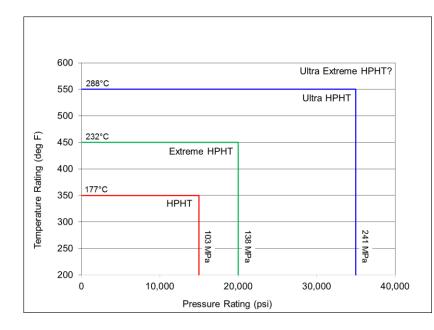
- Has 270 standards under it's purview.
- Roughly ½ of the standards are in development/revision.
- Each subcommittee develops and maintains standards through task/work groups according to established policies and procedures using volunteers.





#### **HPHT Definition**

- Various definitions in industry
  - Tier I, Tier II, Ultra-HPHT, etc.
- 30CFR250.804 also defines HPHT
  - >15,000 psi or >350°F
  - Used for today's activity



## **Activity Scope Limit**

- Scope limit: Equipment typically used in well construction and production
  - does not include platforms, processing equipment, fire control systems, etc.
  - does not include documents which defer to normative references (e.g. API RP17W Capping Stacks defers to API 17G Completion/Workover Risers for pressure ratings)
  - Does not include other language versions of API publications
  - Does not include documents which COULD be used for HPHT conditions but contain no special requirements (e.g. RP19B Evaluation of Well Perforators or API 19G2 Flow Control Devices)

## **Examples from HPHT history**

- HPHT is not new to the industry
  - 1974: Bertha Rogers 1 in Oklahoma encountered 24,850 psi and 475°F at 31,432 ft
  - 1979: Exxon Mongure in Mississippi used equipment rated at 30K psi and 350°F.
  - 1984-85: Both Shell and Arco drilled onshore wells with equipment rated at 30K psi and 350°F.
  - Last decade: Numerous sets of 20K equipment used and installed



## **CSOEM Standards Activity**

- API TR 1PER15K-1 published 2013
  - Originally began under SC6 as RP6HP in 2005
  - Industry action to go back and clarify/re-codify the overarching principles to be used in developing HPHT equipment.
  - Early discussions about writing one document containing requirements for all products was abandoned.
    - Too many differences between downhole products and surface products (geometrical constraints)
  - Agreed path was Technical Report followed by product-specific requirements in product specifications

- STD 2RD Dynamic Risers for Floating Production Systems
  - Does not list HPHT equipment.
  - Does not preclude HPHT equipment.
  - Defers to API 5CT and 5L for pipe requirements
  - Contains extensive stress calculation requirements
  - Contains fatigue assessment requirements



- API TR5C3 Technical Report on Equations and Calculations for Casing, Tubing, and Line Pipe Used as Casing or Tubing; and Performance Properties Tables for Casing and Tubing
  - Provides technical guidance for the determination pipe performance properties for all casing/tubing size, weight, and grade combinations
    - Axial Strength

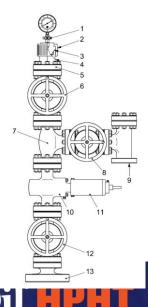
- Collapse Resistance
- Internal Pressure Resistance Ductile Rupture
- Lists 51 pipe size/wall/grade combinations with pressure ratings >15K psi
- API RP 5C5 Recommended Practice on Procedures for Testing Casing and **Tubing Connections** 
  - Exposes the connections to both ambient and elevated temperature in all four quadrants on varying geometries and make up conditions.
  - Includes elevated temperature (356°F) testing for both CAL III and **CAL IV**



- API RP7G Recommended Practice for Drill Stem Design and Operating Limits
  - Lists 37 drill pipe size/wall/grade combinations with pressure ratings >15K psi



- History of requirements in standards
  - AWHEM published the first draft of 15,000 psi flange dimensions in 1957.
  - 20K wellhead equipment first appeared in API Spec 6A in the 9th edition which was published in 1972.
  - API Spec 6AB covering 30,000 psi flanged wellhead equipment was published in 1983.
- API Spec 6A Specification for Wellhead and Christmas Tree Equipment
  - 21<sup>st</sup> edition in draft
  - Adding boarding shutdown valves with minimum PSL 3
  - Clarifying requirements for "safety valves" (SSV, USV, BSDV), making PR2F testing and 6AV1 validation normative
  - Changing PSL 4 to be more aligned with HPHT material and NDE requirements for CRA materials



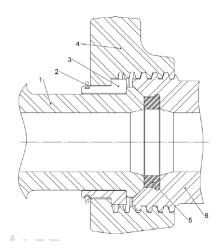
- API Std 6X Design Calculations for Pressure-containing Equipment
  - Introduction gives a good history of pressure containing equipment calculations for both API SC6 and ASME BPVC
- API TR 6AF Technical Report on Capabilities of API Flanges Under Combinations of Load
  - Includes 69 rating charts for Type 6BX flanges with pressure vs.
    bending moment with tension (including 20K and 30K flanges) but no temperature
- API TR 6AF1 Technical Report on Temperature Derating on API Flanges Under Combination of Loading
  - Similar work to TR 6AF but with ratings at 350°F and 650°F for 4 grades of materials. Does not include 30K flanges.



- API TR 6AF2 Technical Report on Capabilities of API Integral Flanges Under Combination of Loading—Phase II
  - Similar work to TR 6AF but with ratings at 250°F internal and 30°F external. Does not include 30K flanges.
- API TR 6MET Metallic Material Limits for Wellhead Equipment Used in High Temperature for API 6A and 17D Applications
  - Yield strength degradation charts for 11 common alloys from 300°F to 450°F
- API TR 6F1 Technical Report on Performance of API and ANSI End Connections in a Fire Test According to API Specification 6FA
  - Includes both predicted results and actual results
- API Spec 6FA Specification for Fire Test for Valves
- API Spec 6FB Specification for Fire Test for End Connections
- API Spec 6FD Specification for Fire Test for Check Valves



- API Spec 7K Drilling and Well Servicing Equipment
  - WI 3201 to add 20K cement hoses in process



- API Spec 7HU2 Hammer Unions
  - Document in process
  - Contains complete dimensional and material requirements for hammer unions
  - Includes 20K rated products for standard service
  - Refers to API Spec 6A and ASME BPVC Section VIII, Div 2, Part 5 for design

- API RP10B-2 Recommended Practice for Testing Well Cements
  - Includes high temperature tests based on well depths and temperature gradients



- Includes guidelines and requirements for <u>all</u> cementing operations
- API RP10F Recommended Practice for Performance Testing of Cementing Float Equipment
  - Includes testing requirements at 400°F and 5,000 psi
  - In revision to move to specification for equipment



#### HTHP in SC13

- API RP 13D Rheology and Hydraulics of Oil-well Fluids
  - Contains basis understanding and guidance about drilling fluid rheology and hydraulics
  - Gives equations and methods for estimating fluid density for HTHP wells
  - Describes use of HTHP viscometer (40K psi, 600°F) for measuring fluid properties
- API RP13B-2 Recommended Practice for Field Testing Oil-based Drilling Fluids and API RP 13I - Recommended Practice for Laboratory Testing of Drilling Fluids
  - HTHP testing of filtrate properties to 500°F



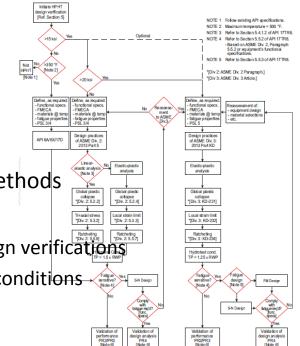
- API Spec 16A Specification for Drill-through Equipment
  - 20K drill-through equipment first appeared in API 6A 9<sup>th</sup> edition in 1972. 16A 1<sup>st</sup> edition was published in 1982.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> edition published
    - Contains 7 sizes with 20K pressure ratings and temps up to 350°F
    - Includes extensive testing and fatigue testing requirements
  - 20K, 25K, and 30K BOPs have been produced and installed
- HPHT workgroup in process to write HPHT requirements for BOPs as annex to API 16A, 4th Edition
  - Initial ballot out for comment.
  - Projected completion in late 2017



- API Spec 16C Choke and Kill Equipment
  - Includes 5 sizes of equipment to 20K; 3 sizes of union/articulated line sizes to 20k; and 4 sizes of flexible line sizes to 20k
  - Defers to API 6X, API 6A, and API 16A for many items
  - Requires hydrostatic testing to 1.5x RWP
- API Std 53 Blowout Prevention Equipment Systems for Drilling Wells
  - Includes 20K, 25K, and 30K equipment ratings for surface and subsea BOPs
  - Requires consideration of elastomeric seal compatibility with highpressure, high-temperature conditions.



- API TR 17TR8 High-pressure High-temperature Design Guidelines
  - Design guidelines for oil and gas subsea equipment
  - Limits temperature considerations to 550°F
  - 3 verification methods provided
  - 2 fatigue assessment methods
  - Material selection and property testing listed
  - Seals and bolting
  - Design validation recommendations
  - Hydrostatic testing multiplier tied to verification methods
  - Revision in process to:
    - Standardizing material testing protocols used in design verifications
    - Identifying design margins for Extreme and Survival conditions
    - Develop annex for fatigue analysis input parameters.



- API Spec 17D Design and Operation of Subsea Production Systems - Subsea Wellhead and Tree Equipment
  - 20K wellheads are available from at least 3 suppliers with at least 12 installed.
  - Revision of 17D planned to address specific requirements for HPHT
- API RP17G Recommended Practice for Completion/Workover Risers
  - Includes 20K psi ratings and up to 650°F temperature ratings
  - Contains extensive stress calculation and fatigue assessment requirements
  - Currently in revision



- API Spec 14A Specification for subsurface safety valve equipment
  - Includes HPHT annex with additional requirements for
    - Materials (both metal and non-metal)
    - Design Verification including fatigue screening
    - Extensive design validation
    - Limits of design scaling
    - Quality plan for manufacture
    - Final design review
- API Spec 11D1 Packers and Bridge Plugs
  - Includes HPHT annex with requirements similar to API Spec 14A
  - Includes annex with requirements for HPHT operating tools
- Others in revision to add HPHT annex
  - API Spec 14L Specification for Lock Mandrels and Landing Nipples
  - API Spec 19AC Completion accessories
  - API Spec 19G1 Side-pocket mandrels



NE™ Tubing-Retrievable Safety Valve (TRSV)

- API TR 19TR1 HPHT Guidelines
  - Document in process to standardize the approach to writing HPHT requirements for SC19 equipment. All requirements are additional to "front matter".
  - Includes:
    - More elaborate functional specifications (e.g. environment details)
    - More stringent technical specifications (e.g. elastomer compound assessments)
    - Enhance design verification analyses (FEA to ASME codes)
    - Enhanced design validation tests (no specifics, each product spec writes this section)
    - More stringent manufacturing requirements (NDE, welding, etc.)



- Documents set qualification levels for sub-suppliers and extend requirements into supply chain for base products and processes.
  - API Spec 20A Carbon Steel, Alloy Steel, Stainless Steel, and Nickel Base Alloy Castings for Use in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry
  - API Spec 20B Open Die Shaped Forgings for Use in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry
  - API Spec 20C Closed Die Forgings for Use in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry
  - API Spec 20E Alloy and Carbon Steel Bolting for Use in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industries
  - API Spec 20F Corrosion Resistant Bolting for Use in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industries
  - API Std 20D Nondestructive Examination Services for Equipment Used in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry
  - Many others in process



#### **HPHT** Research in API

- Conducted as part of normal standards development
- SC5 Tubular Goods
  - Investigating temperature effects on modulus of elasticity
  - Investigating collapse of 9-7/8 and 11-7/8 sizes at elevated temperature
  - Investigating alternative calculation methods for high-collapse pipe
- SC8 Drilling Structures and Equipment
  - Verification FEA analysis for hammer union designs
- SC10 Well Cements
  - Investigating measurement methods on static gel strength development to reduce variation.
- SC21 Materials subcommittee
  - Temperature de-rating of material yield strength
  - Grade 660 bolting elevated temperature testing
  - Near-yield cycle testing



## Closing remarks

- 34 standards reviewed containing HPHT requirements.
- The industry has a wealth of historical use information; even on HPHT.
- Standards follow innovations and learning. Changes to standards are normal and to be expected.
- Participation in standards development is welcomed and necessary.
- Our next API meeting is in San Antonio!