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1 Scope

This document provides subsea capping stack recommended practices for design, manufacture, and use. The document applies to the construction of new subsea capping stacks and can be used to improve existing subsea capping stacks. The document can aid in generating a basis of design (BOD) document as well as preservation, transportation, maintenance, testing documents, and operating instructions.

This document presents recommendations for neither procedures nor equipment for containment systems that may be connected to a subsea capping stack. All equipment and operations downstream of the subsea capping stack are considered part of a containment system and are not within the scope of this recommended practice.

Annex A contains a discussion of possible subsea capping contingency procedures. Annex B contains example procedures for deployment, well shut-in and recovery of a subsea capping stack.

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