

Notice of the Approval of a Provisional American National Standard (ANS) by the National Fire Protection Association

In accordance with Annex B of the ANSI *Essential Requirements*, the National Fire Protection Association has approved the Provisional Standard, entitled, NFPA 56 (PS), *Standard for Fire and Explosion Prevention During Cleaning and Purging of Flammable Gas Piping Systems*, with an issuance and effective date of August 11, 2011. The NFPA Standards Council after careful review and including consideration of urgent safety recommendations issued by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board regarding serious explosion incidents, voted to establish a new NFPA Technical Committee to proceed with the development of a new standard on gas process safety specifically dedicated to addressing safe practices associated with the interior cleaning of flammable gas piping systems and the purging into service or purging out of service of such systems during maintenance. Given the importance and timeliness of this project, the Council and the NFPA Board of Directors approved the development of a gas process safety standard using the expedited procedures set forth by American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in Annex B of the ANSI *Essential Requirements*.

In accordance with the Annex B Procedures at Section B.1.7, the processing of a provisional standard, once approved, must be initiated within 45 days, and shall be in accordance with the standards developer's accredited procedures. Accordingly, the Council has approved the Technical Committee's request to enter NFPA 56 (PS) into the Annual 2013 Revision Cycle with a proposals closing date of November 25, 2011, where it shall be processed as a regular NFPA standard in accordance with the *NFPA Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*.

Copies of NFPA 56 (PS), *Standard for Fire and Explosion Prevention During Cleaning and Purging of Flammable Gas Piping Systems*, 2012 edition may be obtained by going to the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org/56 or calling Customer Service at 1-800-344-3555.