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This standard is applicable to stationary atmospheric and low-pressure (up to and including 15 psig) aboveground petroleum storage tanks used in all sectors of the petroleum and petrochemical industry, including:

- crude oil and gas production,
- refining,
- petrochemicals,
- pipelines and terminals,
- bulk storage,
- ethanol facilities.

This standard provides requirements for safely planning, coordinating, and conducting tank entry and cleaning operations, from removal from service through return to service.

This standard does not and cannot cover every possible unique hazard or situation that may arise during tank cleaning operations. Site, product, and tank-specific hazards and situations must be addressed by employers using the appropriate principles and considerations provided for by this standard.

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