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Introduction

Within ISO/TC 67/SC 2 there has been a series of discussions concerning both the needs and level of prescription required to address pipeline life extension issues. These have highlighted that

- operators are applying differing approaches, which leads to inefficient use of both operator and authority resources;
- the assessment and upgrading of existing facilities have been based on probabilistic or reliability-based methods;
- the level of detail delivered varies.

The purpose of this Technical Specification is to address the above concerns by providing a consistent approach to pipeline life extension assessment that can be applied by operators (or parties acting on their behalf) across the industry.

This Technical Specification is concerned with the proof of technical integrity of the pipeline system for the justification of extended operation. Integrity management is not covered in detail. However, the interface between a PIMS and the life extension process is considered because

- a PIMS, where present, forms an integral part of the integrity assessment of the pipeline system;
- a PIMS of some form is required for operation in extended life.

Factors affecting the future operability of the system but not the technical integrity, such as the loss of a control umbilical, are flagged as requiring assessment but are not addressed in full in this Technical Specification.

Whilst this Technical Specification is aimed primarily at the pipeline operators, it can also be of interest to other stakeholders such as

- regulators approving the life extension application;
- members of the public affected by the life extension application, such as landowners and developers.

In light of this, an overview of the life extension process and the key principles involved is given in Clause 5. The remainder of the document is intended to provide detailed guidance to those performing the life extension assessments.

All guidance is provided for use in conjunction with sound engineering practice and judgment. This Technical Specification is not intended for use as a design code.

Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems — Recommended practice for pipeline life extension

1 Scope

This Technical Specification gives guidance to follow, as a minimum, in order to assess the feasibility of extending the service life of a pipeline system, as defined in ISO 13623, beyond its specified design life. Pump stations, compressor stations, pressure-reduction stations and depots are not specifically addressed in this Technical Specification, as shown in Figure 1.

This Technical Specification applies to rigid metallic pipelines. It is not applicable to the following:

- flexible pipelines;
- pipelines constructed from other materials, such as glass reinforced plastics;
- umbilicals;
- topsides equipment;
- structures and structural components.

This Technical Specification is limited to life extension, which is an example of a change to the original design. Other changes, such as MAOP up-ratings, are excluded.

NOTE The assessment methodology is applicable to other changes to the design at the discretion of the user.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 13623, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems*

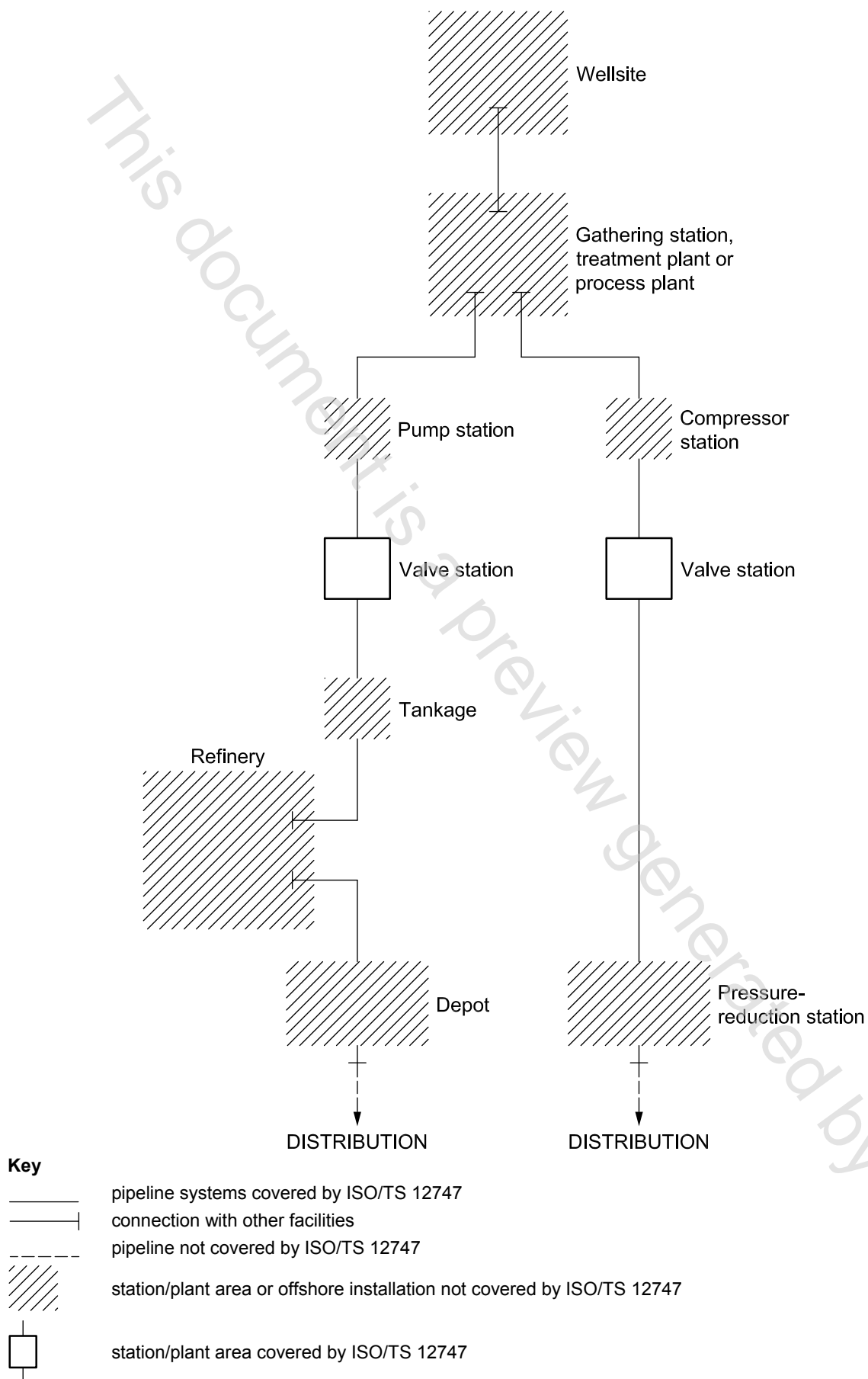


Figure 1 — Extent of pipeline systems covered by this Technical Specification