



## RAGAGEP: Historical Variants and the Importance of IIAR Standards

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## **Session Outline**

- 1. Define RAGAGEP
- 2. Discuss Historical Perspectives & IIAR Standards
- 3. Highlight RAGAGEP Variants





### **SECTION 1 – DEFINING RAGAGEP**





## Defining RAGAGEP

**Process Safety Management – Process Safety Information** <u>29 CFR § 1910.119 (d)(3)(i)</u> information pertaining to the equipment in the process shall include:

• (F) Design Codes and Standards Employed

<u>29 CFR § 1910.119 (d)(3)(ii)</u> The employer shall document that equipment complies with **recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices**.





### SECTION 2 – HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES & IIAR STANDARDS

What Qualifies as RAGAGEP?



Ammonia Refrigeration Code & Standard Writing Organizations



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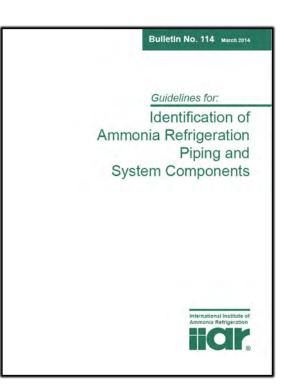








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# **IIAR Bulletins**



Standard for Safe Design of Closed-Circuit Ammonia Refrigeration Systems



## **IIAR Standards**

"<u>This document is intended</u> to serve as a standard for equipment, design and installation of closed circuit ammonia refrigerating systems. Additional requirements may be necessary because of particular circumstances, project specifications or other jurisdictional considerations. Note that this standard does not constitute a comprehensive detailed technical design manual and should not be used as such."





## **IIAR Standards**

- IIAR 1 Definitions and Terminology (2012)
- IIAR 2 Design (1974, 1984, 1999, 2008, 2014)
- IIAR 3 Valves (2012)
- IIAR 4 Installation (2015)
- IIAR 5 Startup and Commissioning (2013)
- IIAR 6 Inspection Testing and Maintenance (2019)
- IIAR 7 Operating Procedures (2013)
- IIAR 8 Decommissioning (2015)
- IIAR 9 Existing Systems (2019?)















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## IIAR and Model Codes

**2018 UMC §1102.1 General.** Refrigeration systems using a refrigerant other than ammonia shall comply with this chapter and ASHRAE 15.

### 2018 UMC §1102.2 Ammonia Refrigeration Systems

Refrigeration systems using ammonia as the refrigerant shall comply with IIAR 2, IIAR 3, IIAR 4 and IIAR 5 and <u>shall not be</u> <u>required to comply with this chapter</u>







### **SECTION 3 – HISTORICAL RAGAGEP VARIANTS**



## EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN CONTROLS





### 1967 UMC §1509 Equipment in a Machinery Room

A readily accessible <u>single</u> emergency refrigeration control switch shall be provided to shut off all electrically operated machinery in any machinery room, <u>except the exhaust ventilation</u> system complying with Section 1508. Such switch shall be controlled from a point <u>outside of, and within ten feet (10') of the required</u> <u>opening to the machinery room</u>....





### 1982 UFC §63.108(a)(5)(iv) Control Valves

Emergency switches for deactivation of the system compressors shall be provided *within the emergency control box*.





### 1994 UMC §1108.4 Emergency Control.

A clearly identified switch of the <u>break-glass type</u> providing offonly control of electrically energized equipment and devices within the refrigeration machinery room shall be provided immediately adjacent to and outside of each refrigeration machinery room exit. In addition, emergency shutoff shall also be <u>automatically activated when the concentration of refrigerant</u> <u>vapor exceeds 25 percent of the LFL</u>.





### 2012 IFC §606.9.1 Refrigeration system emergency shutoff.

A clearly identified switch of the break-glass type or with an approved tamper-resistant cover shall provide off-only control of refrigerant compressors, refrigerant pumps and normally closed automatic refrigerant valves located in the machinery room. Additionally, <u>this equipment shall be automatically shut off</u> <u>whenever the refrigerant vapor concentration in the machinery</u> <u>room exceeds the vapor detector's upper detection limit or 25</u> <u>percent of the LEL, whichever is lower</u>.



# **EPCS VS ECB**

Emergency Pressure Control System vs Emergency Control Box





## **Emergency Control Box (ECB)**

### 1973 UMC §1518 Manual Discharge or Refrigerant

Every refrigerating system located in a building and containing... a Group 2 refrigerant <u>shall be equipped with means for manual</u> <u>discharge of the refrigerant to the atmosphere.</u>

### 1982 UFC §63.108 Emergency Ammonia Diffusion Systems

Ammonia refrigeration systems shall be provided with an approved system for promptly and safely removing the ammonia refrigerant in the event of an emergency.





### **Emergency Pressure Control Systems**

### 2006 NFPA 1 §53.7

Refrigeration systems containing more than 6.6 pounds (3 kg) of flammable, toxic or highly toxic refrigerant or ammonia shall be provided with an <u>emergency pressure control system</u>.

### 2006 IMC §1105.9 Emergency pressure control system.

Refrigeration systems containing more than 6.6 pounds (3 kg) of flammable, toxic or highly toxic refrigerant or ammonia shall be provided with an emergency pressure control system in accordance with Section 606.10 of the International Fire Code.

#### 2006 IFC §606.10 Emergency pressure control system

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## ECB / EPCS - Big Ideas

- All refrigeration system should have an ECB or EPCS
- It is not necessary to update an ECB to an EPCS



## NH3 DISCHARGE TERMINATION

Atmospheric vs Diffusion Tanks





### 1971 UFC §63.106 Ammonia Diffusion

Ammonia refrigerating plants containing more than 30 pounds of refrigerant shall be equipped with facilities for diffusing the ammonia vapors. (a) Systems containing more than 30 pounds of refrigerant shall discharge to the <u>outside of the</u> <u>building at least 2 feet above the roof</u> and be so located that discharged refrigerants will not cause discomfort or harmful effects to persons **OR** such discharge shall be <u>into a tank of fresh water having a capacity of one gallon for</u> <u>each pound of refrigerant</u> and used for no other purpose than ammonia.

### 1982 UFC §63.108 Emergency Ammonia Diffusion Systems

Refrigeration systems shall be provided with an approved system for promptly and safely removing the ammonia refrigerant in the event of an emergency. Such emergency systems shall discharge into an approved water storage tank, water basin or diffuser <u>having a</u> <u>capacity of 2 gallons of water for each pound of ammonia.</u>





### 1994 UMC §1119 Ammonia Discharge

Ammonia systems shall be provided with an emergency discharge into a tank of water provided exclusively for ammonia absorption. <u>At least 1 gallon (379 mL) of</u> fresh water shall be provided for each pound (454 g) of ammonia in the system.

### 1994 UFC §6308.1.1

Refrigeration systems which are designed to discharge refrigerant vapor to atmosphere shall be provided with an approved treatment or flaring system.... ECEPTIONS: Ammonia systems complying with Section 6309.

### 1994 UFC §6309 Ammonia Discharge

Ammonia systems shall be provided with an emergency discharge into a tank of water provided exclusively for ammonia absorption. <u>At least 1 gallon (3.79 L) of</u> fresh water shall be provided for each pound of ammonia in the system.





### 2000 IFC §606.11 Refrigerant Discharge

Refrigeration system containing more than 6.6 pounds of flammable, toxic or highly toxic refrigerants shall be provided with an approved discharge system as required by... 606.11.3 [Ammonia Refrigerant]. Systems containing ammonia refrigerant shall discharge vapor to the atmosphere through a flaring system... <u>through an approved ammonia diffusion system... or by other approved means.</u>

### 2000 IFC §606.11.6 Ammonia Diffusion System

Ammonia diffusion systems shall include a tank containing <u>1 gallon of water for</u> <u>each pound of ammonia that will be released in 1 hour from the largest relief device</u> <u>connected to the discharge pipe.</u>





### 2003 NFPA 1 §53.9 Ammonia Diffusion Systems.

Ammonia diffusion systems shall include a tank containing 1 gal of water for each pound of ammonia <u>that will be released in 1 hour from the largest relief device</u> <u>connected to the discharge pipe.</u>

### 2009 UMC §1120.0 Ammonia Discharge.

Ammonia shall discharge into a tank of water that shall be used for no purpose except ammonia absorption. At least one (1) gallon (3.785 L) of fresh water shall be provided for each pound (454 g) of ammonia <u>that will be released in one (1) hour</u> from the largest relief device connected to the discharge pipe.





### **Diffusion Tanks Today – Mechanical Codes**

### 2018 IMC §1105.8 Ammonia Discharge.

Pressure relief valves for ammonia systems shall discharge in accordance with ASHRAE 15.

**2018 UMC §1102.2 Ammonia Refrigeration Systems** Refrigeration systems using ammonia as the refrigerant shall comply with IIAR 2, IIAR 3, IIAR 4 and IIAR 5 and <u>shall not be required</u> to comply with this chapter.





### **Diffusion Tanks Today – Refrigeration Industry Groups**

### ANSI/IIAR 2-2014 §15.5.1 Atmospheric Discharge.

<u>Pressure relief devices shall discharge vapor directly to the atmosphere outdoors in</u> <u>accordance with this section</u>. <u>EXCEPTION</u>: In lieu of relieving directly to atmosphere, the following methods of discharging ammonia from pressure relief devices shall be permitted where approved by the AHJ: (1) Discharge through a treatment system. (2) Discharge through a flaring system (3) Discharge through a water diffusion system. (4) Discharge using other approved means

### ANSI/ASHRAE 15-2016 §9.7.8.4.2 Ammonia (R-717).

Pressure relief valves serving systems using ammonia as a refrigerant shall discharge in accordance with one of the following: (a) <u>To atmosphere</u> (b) Internally (c)To a treatment system approved by the authority having jurisdiction





### **Diffusion Tanks Today – Fire Codes**

### 2018 NFPA 1 §53.2.2.1 Required Systems.

<u>Unless the AHJ determines</u>, upon review of an engineering analysis prepared at the expense of the owner, that a significant fire, health, or environmental hazard would not result from an atmospheric release, refrigeration systems that are designed to discharge refrigerant vapor to the atmosphere shall be provided with an approved treatment, flaring, or diffusion system....

### 2018 NFPA 1 §53.2.2.1.3 Ammonia Refrigerant.

Systems containing ammonia refrigerant shall discharge vapor to the atmosphere through a treatment system in accordance with 53.2.2.1, through a flaring system in accordance with 53.2.2.2, through an approved ammonia diffusion system in accordance with 53.2.2.3, or by other approved means....

#### 2018 NFPA 1 §53.2.2.3 Design of Ammonia Diffusion Systems.

Ammonia diffusion systems shall include a tank containing 1 gal of water for each pound of ammonia... that will be released in 1 hour from the largest relief device connected to the discharge pipe.





## **Relief Valve Termination - Big Ideas**

- Jurisdictional authority may require a facility to install a diffusion tank if there is reasonable precedent, or during years which specifically required them.
- Industry prioritizes atmospheric diffusion



# **AMMONIA DETECTION**

The Most Confusing of them All

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	Strictest Requirement	Supervised Alarm	Supervised Alarm	Supervised Alunn	Supervised Alarm Inimaes	Supervised Alarm Initiates @ TLV-TWA (25 PPM)	Supervised Alarm Initiates	Supervised Alarm Initiates @TLV-TWA (25 PPM)	Supervised Alarm Initiates	Supervised Alarm Initiates. @TLV-TWA (25 PPM)	Supervised Alarm Initiates @ TLV-TWA (25 PPM)
	IMC	No.	No	No	No	No	*According to tHC	"According to IFC	"According to IFC	"According to IFC	*According to IFC
Machinery	IFC	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Room	UMC	No	No	No	"PEL	"PEL	PPEL.	"PEL	*PEL	*PEL	*PEL
	UFC / NFPA 1	No	No	No	*PEL	TPEL.	No	Yes	Yes	lies.	Yes
	HAR	13	Yes	Yes	"No Setpaint	"No Setpoint	*No Setpoint	"No Serpoint	*2 Detectors in Engine Room	*2 Delectors in Engine Room	Yes
	ASHRAE	No	Yes.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	lis	Tes

2012 - 2014

2014 - Present

	Strictest Requirement	N/A	N/A	N/A	Audible / Visual Alarms in PEL	Audible / Visual Alarms (@ PEL	Andible   Visual Alarms @ PEL	Audible / Visual Alarms (i) 25 PPM			
	IMC	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Audible /	IFC	No	No	No	No	No	No	Na	No	No	TNO
Visual Alarms	UMC	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	'Yes.	Yes	*PEL
	UFC / NFPA 1	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes.	*PEL
	HAR	No	No	Να	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
	ASHRAE	No	No	No	No	No	No	*TEN-TWA	*ILV-IWA	*TLV-TWA	*TEV-TWA

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	Strictest Requirement	NA	N/A	N/A	Stats Down Liquid Flow (2) 150 PPM	Shuts Down Liquid Flow (j. 150 PPM	Shuts Down Liquid Flow @ 150 PPM	Initiates Alarm (ij) PEL	Initiates Marm @ PEL	Initiates Alarm @ PEL	Inimates Alarm at 25 PPM
	IMC	No	No	No	Ne	No	No	Nn	No	No	No
Refrigerated Spaces	IFC	No	Na	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Na
	UMC	No	Na	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tes	lies	Yes	VPEL
	UFC / NFPA 1	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Na	No	No	No	No
	HAR	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
	ASHRAE	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Nö

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1.000	IMC	No	No	No	Np	No	*1,000 PPM	Yes	#1.000 PPM	*1,000 PPM	* 1,000 PPM
Ventilation	IFC	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Na
Control	UMC	No	No	No	Yes	Very	Yes	Yes	*1.000 PPM	*1,000 PPM	71,000 PPM
	UFC / NFPA 1	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	*0.000 PPM	*1,000 PPM	*1,000 PPM
	IIAR	1 <sub>25</sub>	*40,000 PPM	*40.000 PPM	740.000 PPM	*1,000 PPM	*1.000 PPM	Yes	Tes	Yes	Yes
	ASHRAE	No	Yes	ìes	*1.000 PPM	*1,000 PPM	*1.000 PPM	Tes	7 (.000 FPM)	*1,000 PPM	*1.000 PPM

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	IMC	No	Nn	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes-
Emergency	IFC	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Ves.	Ves
Emergency Shut off	UMC	No	Na	No	Yes	Vev	Tes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	UFC / NFPA 1	No	No	No	Yes	these sealst and seals	No	les	lies	Yes	Yes
-	IIAR	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
	ASHRAE	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

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	IMC	No	Nn	No	No	No	Yes	Tes	lies	Yes	YES-
	IFC	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Tes	Nes	Yes.
Testing	UMC	No	Na	No	"Fire Code	*Fire Code	"Fire Code	"Fire Code	*Fite Code	"Fire Code	*Fine Code
	UFC / NFPA 1	No	Nn	No	Yes	Yes	Na	16	ies.	Yes	Yes-
	IIAR	18	Yes-	"Periodically	*Periodically	Yes	Yes	Tes	Yes-	Yes-	Yes-
	ASHRAE	No	Yes	Tes	Yes	100	Yes	Yes	les	ies .	Yes

Year	1974 - 1984	July 24, 1985 - 1999	Angust 5, 1999 - 2008	June 3, 2008 - 2010	Aug 4, 2010 - 2012	Dec 3, 2012 - 2014	2014 - Present
General	ANSI / IIAR 1974-78 No "General" Section	ANSI / IIAR 1984 No "General" Section	ANSLIIAR 2-1999 No "General" Section	ANSLIIAR 2-2008 §13.1.1.2 All machinery rooms shall be equipped with at least <u>ONE</u> ammonia detector connected to a supervised alarm.	ANSI IIAR 2-2008 Addendum A §13.2 Each refrigerating machinery room shall contain at least <u>IWO</u> refrigerant detectors that actuate an alarm and mechanical ventilation	ANSUIIAR 2-2008 Addendum B §13.2 Each refrigerating machinery room shall contain at least <u>IWO</u> refrigerant detectors that actuate an alarm and mechanical ventilation	ANSLIEAR 2014 §6.13.1 Machinery rooms shall be provided with ammonia detection and alarm in accordance with Section 17.2–17.6 and the following features: 1. AT LEAST ONE ammonia detector shall be provided in the room or area. 2. The detector shall activate an alarm that reports to a monitored location so that corrective action can be taken at an indicated concentration of 25 ppm or higher. 3. Audible and visual alarms shall be provided inside the room to warn that access to the room is restricted to authorized personnel and emergency responders when the alarm has activated. Additional audible and visual alarms shall be located outside of each entrance to the machinery room.
Alarıns - Machinery Rooms	ANSI / IIAR 1974-78 §4 3.2.2 The vapor detector(s) shall also initiate a supervised alarm so corrective action can be initiated	ANSI / IIAR 1984 §4.3.2.2 The vapor detector(s) shall also initiate a supervised alarm so corrective action can be initiated	ANSUIIAR 2-1999 §6.2.1.3 A supervised alarm system shall be activated when the ammonia leak detector is activated or when the mechanical ventilation system fails so that corrective action can be taken.	ANSUIIAR 2-2008 §13.2.1.3 A supervised alarm system shall be activated when the ammonia leak detector is activated or when the mechanical ventilation system fails so that corrective action can be taken	ANSLIIAR 2008 Addendum A §13.2.1.1 A monitored location shall be notified when the ammonia leak detector is activated so that corrective action can be taken ANSLIIAR 2008 Addendum A 13.2.1.2 The detectors shall activate <u>UISUAL</u> and AUDIBLE alarms INSIDE the refrigerating machinery room and <u>OUTSIDE</u> each entrance to the refrigerating machinery room	ANSI/IIAR 2-2008 Addendum B §13.2.1.1 A monitored location shall be notified when the ammonia leak detector is activated so that corrective action can be taken. ANSI/IIAR 2-2008 Addendum B §13.2.1.2 The detectors shall activate visual and audible alarms inside the refrigerating machinery room and outside each entrance to the refrigerating machinery room.	ANSLITAR 2-2014 §6.13.2.2 Detection of ammonia concentrations equal to or exceeding <u>25 ppm</u> shall activate visual indicators and audible alarms as specified in Section 6.13.1. The visual indicator and audible alarm shall be permitted to automatically reset if the ammonia concentration drops below 25 ppm
Year	1974 - 1984	July 24, 1985 - 1999	August 5, 1999 - 2008	June 3, 2008 - 2010	Aug 4, 2010 - 2012	Dec 3, 2012 - 2014	2014 - Present
Alarms - Refrigerated Spaces	ANSI / IIAR 1974 No Reference	ANSI / IIAR 1984 No Reference	ANSLILAR 2-1999 No Reference	ANSLIIAR 2008 No Reference	ANSLIIAR 2008 Addendum A No Reference	ANSLIIAR 2008 Addendum B No Reference	ANSLIIAR 2014 §7.2 Where an ammonia refrigeration system or equipment is installed outside of a machinery room, the area containing the system or equipment shall comply with this section. 7.2.3 *Detection and Alarms. Level 1 detection and alarm shall be provided in accordance with Section 17.7.1.
Ventilation Control	ANSI / IIAR 1974-78 §4.3.2.2 The room shall be provided with an independent mechanical ventilation system actuated automatically by a vapor detector(s) when the concentration of ammonia in the room exceeds <u>40,000</u> parts per million	ANSI / IIAR 1984 §4.3.2.2 The room shall be provided with an independent mechanical ventilation system actuated automatically by a vapor detector(s) when the concentration of ammonia in the room exceeds 40,000 parts per million	ANSL/HAR 2-1999 §6.2.3 Equipment 6.2.3.1 The machinery room shall be provided with an independent mechanical ventilation system actuated automatically by vapor detector(s) and also operable manually. 6.2.3.1.1 The typical recommended actuation level of the detection device is a setting less than <u>400 ppm</u> ; however, activation levels shall be set as required by the jurisdictional authority. 6.2.3.1.2 Where one or more alarm levels are used, the level actuating the ventilation system shall not exceed <u>1000 ppm</u> .	ANSL/IIAR 2008 §13.2.3.1 The machinery room shall be provided with an independent mechanical ventilation system actuated automatically by vapor detector(s) and also operable manually 13.2.3.1.1 The typical recommended actuation level of the detection device is a setting less than 400 ppm; however, activation levels shall be set as required by the jurisdictional authority. 13.2.3.1.2 Where one or more alarm levels are used, the level actuating the ventilation system shall not exceed 1000 ppm.	ANSI/IIAR 2008 Addendum A §13.2.3.1 One detector shall be utilized to activate an alarm and actuate the normal mechanical ventilation system (at its maximum design capacity) at a value not greater than the corresponding <u>ILV-TWA</u> . ANSI/IIAR 2008 Addendum A §13.2.3.2 The second detector shall be utilized to activate an alarm and actuate the emergency mechanical ventilation system at a level not exceeding 1000 ppm	ANSL/IIAR 2008 Addendum B §13.2. Shall contain at least two refrigerant detectors that actuate an alarm and mechanical ventilation. ANSL/IIAR 2-2008 Addendum B §13.2.3.1 One detector shall be utilized to activate an alarm and actuate the normal mechanical ventilation system (at its maximum design capacity) at a value not greater than the corresponding TLV-TWA ANSL/IIAR 2-2008 Addendum B ANSL/IIAR 2008 Addendum B §13.2.3.2 The second detector shall be utilized to activate an alarm and actuate the emergency mechanical ventilation system at a level not exceeding 1000 ppm	ANSULIAR 2014 §6.13.2.3 Detection of ammonia concentrations equal to or exceeding <u>150 ppm (1/2</u> [ <u>IDLH</u> ) shall activate visual indicators and an audible alarm and shall activate emergency ventilation, where required, in accordance with Section 6.14.7. Once activated, emergency ventilation shall continue to operate until manually reset by a switch located in the machinery room

Year	1974 - 1984	July 24, 1985 - 1999	August 5, 1999 - 2008	<b>June 3, 2008 - 2010</b>	Aug 4, 2010 - 2012	Dec 3, 2012 - 2014	2014 - Present
Emergency Shut off	ANSI / IIAR 1974 No Reference	ANSI / IIAR 1984 No Reference	ANSLIIAR 2-1999 No Reference	ANSI IIAR 2008 No Reference	ANSI/IIAR 2008 Addendum A No Reference	ANSI IIAR 2008 Addendum B No Reference	ANSLITAR 2014 §6.13.2.4 Detection of ammonia concentrations that exceed a detector's <u>upper detection limit</u> or <u>40.000 ppm (25% LFL)</u> , whichever is lower, shall activate visual indicators and an audible alarm and shall activate emergency ventilation, where required, in accordance with Section 6.14.7. Once activated, emergency ventilation shall continue to operate until manually reset by a switch located in the machinery room. In addition, the following equipment in the machinery room shall be automatically de-energized: 1. Refrigerant compressors. 2. Refrigerant compressors. 3. Normally closed automatic refrigerant valves that are not part of an emergency control system
Testing	ANSI / IIAR 1974-78 §4.3.2.2 Periodictests of the detector(s) / alarm / mechanical ventilation system shall be performed	ANSI / IIAR 1984 §4.3.2.2 Periodic tests of the detector(s) / alarm / mechanical ventilation system shall be performed	ANSI/IIAR 2-1999 §6.2.2 The machinery room design shall establish a time schedule for testing of the mechanical ventilation system, the ammonia detectors, and the alarm system. The manufacturer's recommendationsshall be followed. Where no recommendations are provided, these devices shall be scheduled for exercising on anannual basis	ANSI/IIAR 2-2008 §13.2.2 The machinery room design shall establish a time schedule for testing of the mechanical ventilation system, the ammonia detectors, and the alarm system. The manufacturer's recommendations shall be followed. Where no recommendations are provided, these devices shall be scheduled for exercising on an annual basis	ANSL/IIAR 2008 Addendum A §13.2.5.1 The facility shall establish a time schedule for testing of the ammonia detectors and the alarm system. The manufacturer's recommendations shall be followed or modified based on documented experience ANSL/IIAR 2008 Addendum A §13.2.5.2 Where no recommendations are provided, these devices shall be functionally tested on an annual basis	ANSUIIAR 2-2008 Addendum B §13.2.5.1 The facility shall establish a time schedule for testing of the ammonia detectors and the alarm system. The manufacturer's recommendations shall be followed or modified based on documented experience ANSUIIAR 2-2008 Addendum B §13.2.5.2 Where no recommendations are provided, these devices shall be functionally tested on an annual basis.	ANSL/IIAR 2-2014 §17.3.1 A schedule for testing ammonia detectors and alarms shall be established based on manufacturers' recommendations, unless modified based on documented experience. ANSL/IIAR 2-2014 §17.3.2 Where manufacturers' recommendations are not provided, ammonia detectors and alarms shall be tested at least annually

# **Ammonia Detection & Ventilation**

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Year	Ventilation Control						
	Strictest Requirement	IMC	IFC	UMC	UFC / NFPA 1	IIAR	ASHRAE
1974 - 1989	Ventilation automatically actuated by detection @ 40,000 PPM	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
1989 - 1992	Ventilation automatically actuated by detection @ Lowest Practical Level	No	No	No	No	*40,000 PPM	Yes
1992 - 1994	Ventilation automatically actuated by detection @ Lowest Practical Level	No	No	No	No	*40,000 PPM	Yes
1994 - 1998	Ventilation automatically actuated by detection @ 150 PPM (1/2 IDLH)	No	No	Yes	Yes	*40,000 PPM	*1,000 PPM
1999	Ventilation automatically actuated by detection @ 150 PPM (1/2 IDLH)	No	No	Yes	Yes	*1,000 PPM	*1,000 PPM
2000 - 2009	Ventilation automatically actuated by detection @ 150 PPM (1/2 IDLH)	*1,000 PPM	No	Yes	*1,000 PPM (2003)	*1,000 PPM	*1,000 PPM
2009	Ventilation automatically actuated by detection @ 1,000 PPM	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2010 - 2012	Ventilation automatically actuated by detection @ TLW-TWA (25 PPM)	*1,000 PPM	No	*1,000 PPM	*1,000 PPM	Yes	*1,000 PPM
2012 - 2014	Ventilation automatically actuated by detection @ TLW-TWA (25 PPM)	*1,000 PPM	No	*1,000 PPM	*1,000 PPM	Yes	*1,000 PPM
2014 - Present	Ventilation automatically actuated by detection @ 150 PPM	*1,000 PPM	No	*1,000 PPM	*1,000 PPM	Yes	*1,000 PPM





# **Ammonia Detection – Big Ideas**

- All refrigeration facilities should have ammonia detection in the machinery room and refrigerated spaces
- Detection systems should be tested according the manufacturer recommendations; at least annually where no recommendation exists.
- Initial alarm level should be set at 25 ppm for both the machinery room and refrigerated spaces.
- Detection systems should be interlocked with the machinery room ventilation system

## Machinery Room Ventilation

### ANSI/IIAR 2 1974-1978 §4.3

"The room shall be provided with an independent mechanical ventilation system actuated automatically by vapor detector(s)...."





# **Sizing Ventilation Fans**

## 1970 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC) §1508

"An exhaust system of ventilation arranged to provide a complete change of air in such a room at least once every five minutes and discharge to the outside air at a location not less than 20 feet from any exterior door, window or ventilation inlet in any building."

Note: "once every 5 min." = 12 air changes per hour





# **Sizing Ventilation Fans**

### ANSI/ASHRAE 15-1989 § 10.13.6.2

...The mechanical ventilation required to exhaust a potential accumulation of refrigerant due to leaks or a rupture of the system shall be capable of removing air from the machinery room in the following quantity:

Q = 100 x G0.5 where:

*Q* = the air flow in cubic feet per minute

G = the mass of refrigerant in pounds in the largest system, any part of which is located in the machinery room





# **Sizing Ventilation Fans**

## ANSI/IIAR 2-2008 §13.3.9.1 Addendum A

Emergency mechanical ventilation systems shall be capable of providing at least one air change every two minutes, which is 30 air changes per hour (30 ACH) based on the gross machinery room volume.

# Up or Down Blast?







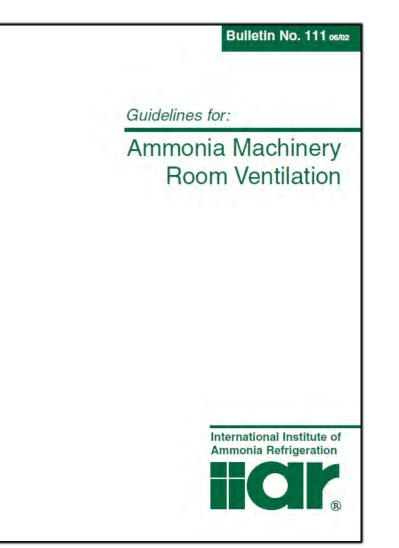


## **Up or Down Blast?**

## IIAR Bulletin 111 §3.3.1 Fan Type

Published June 2002

"Consider specifying up-blast, high velocity discharge nonsparking fans since they tend to be effective at dispersing ammonia exhaust vapors more effectively."







#### American National Standard For

#### ANSI/IIAR 2-2008, (Includes Addendum A)

**Up or Down Blast?** 

ANSI/IIAR 2-2008 Addendum A §13.3.7.1

Published August 2010

"All exhaust fans shall discharge up vertically with a minimum discharge velocity of 2500 FPM" Equipment, Design, and Installation of Closed-Circuit Ammonia Mechanical Refrigerating Systems

Approved by the American National Standards Institute June 3, 2008 Supersedes ANSI/IIAR 2-1999 Addendum A Approved by the American National Standards Institute, August 4, 2010

Ammonia Refrigeration





# **Machinery Room Ventilation – Big Ideas**

- All machinery rooms should have mechanical ventilation
- Documentation should describe what the ventilation system is capable of and what codes were used to design / select the fan.







## LABELING

Yellow vs Orange





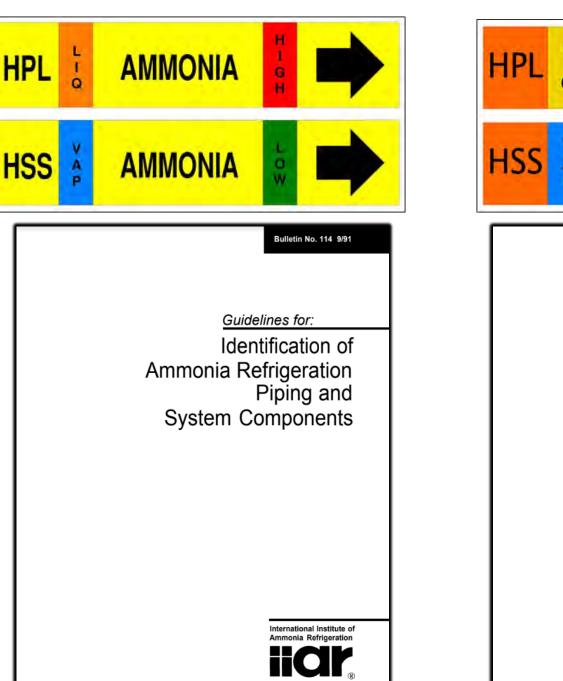
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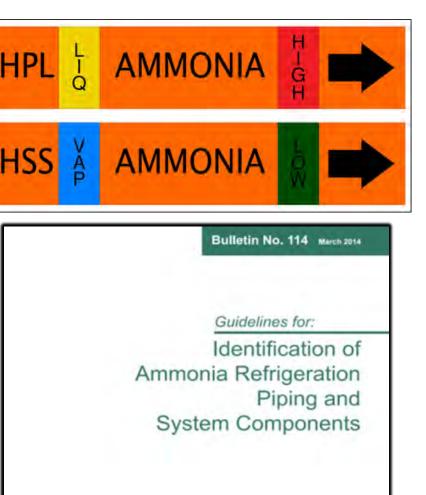
- "AMMONIA"
- Physical state of ammonia
- Relative pressure (high or low)
- Pipe service (HPL, CD, HSS)
- Direction of flow



Standard for Safe Design of Closed-Circuit Ammonia Refrigeration Systems















## **IIAR STANDARD 9**

An Important Contribution



# **QUESTIONS?**

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