

SECTION 232519 - WATER TREATMENT FOR STEAM SYSTEM FEEDWATER

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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. Section includes the following HVAC water-treatment systems:
 - 1. Automatic chemical-feed equipment.
 - 2. Stainless-steel pipes and fittings.
 - 3. Chemical treatment test equipment.
 - 4. Chemicals.
- B. Related Requirements:
 - 1. Section 232533 "HVAC Makeup-Water Filtration Equipment" for requirements for water softeners, reverse-osmosis equipment, and filtration equipment.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. TDS: Total dissolved solids.
- B. TSS: Total suspended solids are solid materials, including organic and inorganic, that are suspended in the water. These solids may include silt, plankton, and industrial wastes.

1.4 ACTION SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Include rated capacities, operating characteristics, and furnished specialties and accessories for the following products:
 - 1. Water meters.
 - 2. Inhibitor injection timers.

3. pH controllers.
4. TDS controllers.
5. Chemical solution tanks.
6. Injection pumps.
7. Chemical test equipment.
8. Chemical material safety data sheets.

- B. Shop Drawings: Pretreatment and chemical treatment equipment showing tanks, maintenance space required, and piping connections to steam systems.

1. Include plans, elevations, sections, and attachment details.
2. Include diagrams for power, signal, and control wiring.

1.5 INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Seismic Qualification Certificates: For components, from manufacturer.

1. Basis for Certification: Indicate whether withstand certification is based on actual test of assembled components or on calculation.
2. Dimensioned Outline Drawings of Equipment Unit: Identify center of gravity and locate and describe mounting and anchorage provisions.
3. Detailed description of equipment anchorage devices on which the certification is based and their installation requirements.

- B. Water Analysis Provider Qualifications: Verification of experience and capability of HVAC water-treatment service provider.

- C. Field quality-control reports.

- D. Other Informational Submittals:

1. Water-Treatment Program: Written sequence of operation on an annual basis for the application equipment required to achieve water quality defined in "Performance Requirements" Article.
2. Water Analysis: Illustrate water quality available at Project site.
3. Passivation Confirmation Report: Verify passivation of galvanized-steel surfaces, and confirm this observation in a letter to Architect.

1.6 CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS

- A. Operation and Maintenance Data: For sensors, injection pumps, and controllers to include in emergency, operation, and maintenance manuals.

1.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Steam System Water-Treatment Service Provider Qualifications: An experienced steam systems water-treatment service provider capable of analyzing water qualities, installing water-treatment equipment, and applying water treatment as specified in this Section.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. [<Double click here to find, evaluate, and insert list of manufacturers and products.>](#)

2.2 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Water quality for steam systems shall minimize corrosion and scale buildup for optimum efficiency of steam and condensate equipment without creating a hazard to operating personnel or the environment.
- B. Base steam systems feedwater treatment on quality of water available at Project site, steam and condensate system equipment material characteristics and functional performance characteristics, operating personnel capabilities, and requirements and guidelines of authorities having jurisdiction.
- C. Steam Condensate:
1. pH: Maintain a value within [7.8 to 8.4] <Insert range>.
 2. Total Alkalinity: Maintain a value within [5 to 50] <Insert range> ppm.
 3. Chemical Oxygen Demand: Maintain a maximum value of [15] <Insert number> ppm.
 4. Soluble Copper: Maintain a maximum value of [0.20] <Insert number> ppm.
 5. TSS: Maintain a maximum value of [10] <Insert number> ppm.
 6. Ammonia: Maintain a maximum value of [20] <Insert number> ppm.
 7. Total Hardness: Maintain a maximum value of [2] <Insert number> ppm.
 8. <Insert other requirements if necessary>.
- D. Steam boiler operating at 15 psig (104 kPa) and less shall have the following water qualities:
1. "OH" Alkalinity: Maintain a value within [200 to 400] <Insert range> ppm.
 2. TSS: Maintain a value within [600 to 3000] <Insert range> ppm.
 3. <Insert other requirements if necessary>.
- E. Steam boiler operating at more than 15 psig (104 kPa) shall have the following water qualities:
1. "OH" Alkalinity: Maintain a value within [200 to 400] <Insert range> ppm.
 2. TSS: Maintain a value within [600 to 1200] <Insert range> ppm to maximum 30 times TDS of water treated with reverse-osmosis equipment.
 3. <Insert other requirements if necessary>.

2.3 AUTOMATIC CHEMICAL-FEED EQUIPMENT

- A. Water Meter:
1. AWWA C700, oscillating-piston, magnetic-drive, totalization meter.
 2. Body: Bronze.
 3. Minimum Working-Pressure Rating: 150 psig (1035 kPa).
 4. Maximum Pressure Loss at Design Flow: 3 psig (20 kPa).

5. Registration: Gallons (Liters) or cubic feet (cubic meters).
6. End Connections: Threaded.
7. Controls: Flow-control switch with normally open contacts; rated for maximum 10 A, 250-V ac, and that will close at adjustable increments of total flow.
8. Electrical Components, Devices, and Accessories: Listed and labeled as defined in NFPA 70, by a qualified testing agency, and marked for intended location and application.

B. Water Meter:

1. AWWA C701, turbine-type, totalization meter.
2. Body: Bronze.
3. Minimum Working-Pressure Rating: 100 psig (690 kPa).
4. Maximum Pressure Loss at Design Flow: 3 psig (20 kPa).
5. Registration: Gallons (Liters) or cubic feet (cubic meters).
6. End Connections: Threaded.
7. Control: Low-voltage signal capable of transmitting 1000 feet (305 m).
8. Electrical Components, Devices, and Accessories: Listed and labeled as defined in NFPA 70, by a qualified testing agency, and marked for intended location and application.

C. Water Meter:

1. AWWA C701, turbine-type, totalization meter.
2. Body: [Bronze] [Epoxy-coated cast iron].
3. Minimum Working-Pressure Rating: 150 psig (1035 kPa).
4. Maximum Pressure Loss at Design Flow: 3 psig (20 kPa).
5. Registration: Gallons (Liters) or cubic feet (cubic meters).
6. End Connections: Flanged.
7. Controls: Flow-control switch with normally open contacts; rated for maximum 10 A, 250-V ac, and that will close at adjustable increments of total flow.
8. Electrical Components, Devices, and Accessories: Listed and labeled as defined in NFPA 70, by a qualified testing agency, and marked for intended location and application.

D. TSS Controller:

1. Microprocessor-based controller, 1 percent accuracy in a range from zero to 5000 micromhos. Incorporate solid-state integrated circuits and digital display in NEMA 250, Type 12 enclosure with gasketed and lockable door. [Interface for start/stop and status indication at central workstation as described in Section 230923 "Direct Digital Control (DDC) System for HVAC."]
2. Digital display and touch pad for input.
3. Sensor probe adaptable to sample stream manifold.
4. High, low, and normal conductance indication.
5. High- or low-conductance-alarm-light trip points, field adjustable; with silence switch.
6. Hand-off-auto switch for solenoid bleed-off valve.
7. Bleed-off valve activated indication.
8. Internal adjustable hysteresis or deadband.
9. Bleed Valves: Motorized ball valve, steel body, and TFE seats and seals.

10. Electrical Components, Devices, and Accessories: Listed and labeled as defined in NFPA 70, by a qualified testing agency, and marked for intended location and application.

E. Chemical Solution Tanks:

1. Chemical-resistant reservoirs fabricated from high-density opaque polyethylene with minimum 110 percent containment vessel.
2. Molded cover with recess for mounting pump.
3. Capacity: [30 gal. (114 L)] [50 gal. (189 L)] [120 gal. (454 L)] <Insert value>.

F. Chemical Solution Injection Pumps:

1. Self-priming, positive displacement; rated for intended chemical with minimum 25 percent safety factor for design pressure and temperature.
2. Adjustable flow rate.
3. Metal and thermoplastic construction.
4. Built-in relief valve.
5. Fully enclosed, continuous-duty, single-phase motor. Comply with requirements in Section 230513 "Common Motor Requirements for HVAC Equipment."
6. Electrical Components, Devices, and Accessories: Listed and labeled as defined in NFPA 70, by a qualified testing agency, and marked for intended location and application.

G. Chemical Solution Tubing: Polyethylene tubing with compression fittings and joints except ASTM A 269, Type 304, stainless steel for steam boiler injection assemblies.

H. Injection Assembly:

1. Quill: Minimum NPS 1/2 (DN 15) with insertion length sufficient to discharge into at least 25 percent of pipe diameter.
2. Ball Valve: [Three] [Two]-piece stainless steel as described in "Stainless-Steel Pipes and Fittings" Article; selected to fit quill.
3. Packing Gland: Mechanical seal on quill of sufficient length to allow quill removal during system operation.
4. Assembly Pressure/Temperature Rating: Minimum 600 psig (4137 kPa) at 200 deg F (93 deg C).

2.4 STAINLESS-STEEL PIPES AND FITTINGS

- A. Stainless-Steel Tubing: Comply with ASTM A 269, Type 316.
- B. Stainless-Steel Fittings: Comply with ASTM A 815/A 815M, Type 316, Grade WP-S.
- C. Two-Piece, Full-Port, Stainless-Steel Ball Valves: ASTM A 351/A 351M, Type 316 stainless-steel body; ASTM A 276, Type 316 stainless-steel stem and vented ball, carbon-filled TFE seats, threaded body design with adjustable stem packing, threaded ends, and 250-psig (1725-kPa) steam working-pressure rating and 600-psig (4140-kPa) cold working-pressure rating.

- D. Three-Piece, Full-Port, Stainless-Steel Ball Valves: ASTM A 351/A 351M, Type 316 stainless-steel body; ASTM A 276, Type 316 stainless-steel stem and vented ball, threaded body design with adjustable stem packing, threaded ends, and **150-psig (1035-kPa)** steam working-pressure rating and **600-psig (4140-kPa)** cold working-pressure rating.

2.5 CHEMICAL TREATMENT TEST EQUIPMENT

- A. Test Kit: Manufacturer-recommended equipment and chemicals in a wall-mounting cabinet for testing pH, TDS, inhibitor, chloride, alkalinity, and hardness; sulfite and testable polymer tests for high-pressure boilers, and oxidizing biocide test for open cooling systems.
- B. Sample Cooler:
1. Tube: Sample.
 - a. Size: **NPS 1/4 (DN 8)** tubing.
 - b. Material: ASTM A 666, Type 316 stainless steel.
 - c. Pressure Rating: Minimum **2000 psig (13 790 kPa)**.
 - d. Temperature Rating: Minimum **850 deg F (454 deg C)**.
 2. Shell: Cooling water.
 - a. Material: ASTM A 666, Type 304 stainless steel.
 - b. Pressure Rating: Minimum **250 psig (1725 kPa)**.
 - c. Temperature Rating: Minimum **450 deg F (232 deg C)**.
 3. Capacities and Characteristics:
 - a. Tube: Sample.
 - 1) Flow Rate: [**0.25 gpm (0.016 L/s)**] <Insert value>.
 - 2) Entering Temperature: [**400 deg F (204 deg C)**] <Insert value>.
 - 3) Leaving Temperature: [**88 deg F (31 deg C)**] <Insert value>.
 - 4) Pressure Loss: [**6.5 psig (44.8 kPa)**] <Insert value>.
 - b. Shell: Cooling water.
 - 1) Flow Rate: [**3 gpm (0.19 L/s)**] <Insert value>.
 - 2) Entering Temperature: [**70 deg F (21 deg C)**] <Insert value>.
 - 3) Pressure Loss: [**1.0 psig (6.89 kPa)**] <Insert value>.
- C. Corrosion Test-Coupon Assembly: Constructed of corrosive-resistant material, complete with piping, valves, and mild steel and copper coupons. Locate copper coupon downstream from mild steel coupon in the test-coupon assembly.
1. [**Two**] <Insert number>-station rack for closed-loop systems.
 2. [**Four**] <Insert number>-station rack for open-loop systems.

2.6 CHEMICALS

- A. Chemicals shall be as recommended by water-treatment system manufacturer that are compatible with piping system components and connected equipment and that can attain water quality specified in "Performance Requirements" Article.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 WATER ANALYSIS

- A. Perform an analysis of supply water to determine quality of water available at Project site.

3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Install chemical application equipment on concrete bases, level and plumb. Maintain manufacturer's recommended clearances. Arrange units so controls and devices that require servicing are accessible. Anchor chemical tanks and floor-mounting accessories to substrate.
- B. Install seismic restraints for equipment and floor-mounting accessories and anchor to building structure. Comply with requirements in Section 230548 "Vibration and Seismic Controls for HVAC" for seismic restraints.
- C. Install water testing equipment on wall near water chemical application equipment.
- D. Install interconnecting control wiring for chemical treatment controls and sensors.
- E. Mount sensors and injectors in piping circuits.
- F. Install automatic chemical-feed equipment for steam boiler and steam condensate systems and include the following:
 - 1. Install water meter in makeup-water supply.
 - 2. Install inhibitor injection pumps and solution tanks with injection timer sensing contacts in water meter.
 - a. Pumps shall operate for timed interval when contacts close at water meter in makeup-water supply connection. Injection pump shall discharge into boiler feedwater tank or feedwater supply connection at boiler.
 - 3. Install test equipment and furnish test-kit to Owner.
 - 4. Install TSS controller with sensor and bleed valves.
 - a. Bleed valves shall cycle to maintain maximum TSS concentration.
 - 5. Install inhibitor injection timer with injection pumps and solution tanks.
 - a. Pumps shall operate for timed interval on contact closure at water meter in makeup-water supply connection. Injection pump shall discharge into main steam supply header.

- G. Install automatic chemical-feed equipment for [**condenser**] [**fluid-cooler spray**] water and include the following:
1. Install water meter in makeup-water supply.
 2. Install inhibitor injection pumps and solution tanks with injection timer sensing contacts in water meter.
 - a. Pumps shall operate for timed interval on contact closure at water meter in makeup-water supply connection. Injection pump shall discharge into boiler feedwater tank or feedwater supply connection at boiler.
 3. Install test equipment and provide test-kit to Owner. Install test-coupon assembly in bypass circuit around circulating pumps unless otherwise indicated on Drawings.
 4. Install TSS controller with sensor and bleed valves.
 - a. Bleed valves shall cycle to maintain maximum TSS concentration.
 5. Install pH sensor and controller with injection pumps and solution tanks.
 - a. Injector pumps shall operate to maintain required pH.

3.3 CONNECTIONS

- A. Where installing piping adjacent to equipment, allow space for service and maintenance.
- B. Make piping connections between steam systems water-treatment equipment and dissimilar-metal piping with dielectric fittings. Comply with requirements in Section 232113 "Hydronic Piping" for dielectric fittings.
- C. Install shutoff valves on steam systems water-treatment equipment inlet and outlet. Metal general-duty valves are specified in Section 230523.11 "Globe Valves for HVAC Piping," Section 230523.12 "Ball Valves for HVAC Piping," Section 230523.13 "Butterfly Valves for HVAC Piping," and Section 230523.15 "Gate Valves for HVAC Piping."
- D. Comply with requirements in Section 221119 "Domestic Water Piping Specialties" for backflow preventers required in makeup-water connections to potable-water systems.
- E. Confirm applicable electrical requirements in electrical Sections for connecting electrical equipment.
- F. Ground equipment according to Section 260526 "Grounding and Bonding for Electrical Systems."
- G. Connect wiring according to Section 260519 "Low-Voltage Electrical Power Conductors and Cables."

3.4 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Manufacturer's Field Service: Engage a factory-authorized service representative to test and inspect components, assemblies, and equipment installations, including connections.

- B. Perform the following tests and inspections[**with the assistance of a factory-authorized service representative**]:
1. Inspect field-assembled components and equipment installation, including piping and electrical connections.
 2. Inspect piping and equipment to determine that systems and equipment have been cleaned, flushed, and filled with water, and are fully operational before introducing chemicals for water-treatment system.
 3. Place steam systems water-treatment system into operation and calibrate controls during the preliminary phase of steam systems' startup procedures.
 4. Do not enclose, cover, or put piping into operation until it is tested and satisfactory test results are achieved.
 5. Test for leaks and defects. If testing is performed in segments, submit separate report for each test, complete with diagram of portion of piping tested.
 6. Leave uncovered and unconcealed new, altered, extended, and replaced water piping until it has been tested and approved. Expose work that has been covered or concealed before it has been tested and approved.
 7. Cap and subject piping to static water pressure of **50 psig (345 kPa)** above operating pressure, without exceeding pressure rating of piping system materials. Isolate test source and allow test pressure to stand for four hours. Leaks and loss in test pressure constitute defects.
 8. Repair leaks and defects with new materials and retest piping until no leaks exist.
- C. Equipment will be considered defective if it does not pass tests and inspections.
- D. Prepare test and inspection reports.
- E. Sample boiler water at one-week intervals after boiler startup for a period of five weeks, and prepare test report advising Owner of changes necessary to adhere to "Performance Requirements" Article for each required characteristic. Sample boiler water at **[four] [six] [eight] <Insert number>**-week intervals following the testing noted above to show that automatic chemical-feed systems are maintaining water quality within performance requirements specified in this Section.
- F. Comply with ASTM D 3370 and with the following standards:
1. Silica: ASTM D 859.
 2. Steam System: ASTM D 1066.
 3. Acidity and Alkalinity: ASTM D 1067.
 4. Iron: ASTM D 1068.
 5. Water Hardness: ASTM D 1126.

3.5 MAINTENANCE SERVICE

- A. Scope of Maintenance Service: Provide chemicals and service program to maintain water conditions required above to inhibit corrosion, scale formation, and biological growth for **[heating, steam and condensate piping] [condenser-water piping]** and equipment. Services and chemicals shall be provided for a period of one year from date of Substantial Completion, and shall include the following:

1. Initial water analysis and steam systems water-treatment recommendations.
2. Startup assistance for Contractor to flush the systems, clean with detergents, and initially fill systems with required chemical treatment prior to operation.
3. Periodic field service and consultation.
4. Customer report charts and log sheets.
5. Laboratory technical analysis.
6. Analyses and reports of all chemical items concerning safety and compliance with government regulations.

3.6 DEMONSTRATION

- A. **[Engage a factory-authorized service representative to train] [Train]** Owner's maintenance personnel to adjust, operate, and maintain steam systems water-treatment systems and equipment.
- B. Training: Provide a "how-to-use" self-contained breathing apparatus video that details exact operating procedures of equipment.

END OF SECTION 232519