

4-1.3 DECISION NO. D-1

COLOR CODE, SIGNAGE, AND IDENTIFICATION OF BUILDING UTILITY PIPING SYSTEM

Issue:

There is need to color code utility piping and physical hazards in Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities to comply with applicable codes, laws and regulations. The IHS does not have an approved guideline.

Decision:

The following standards are to be used for new construction, and maintenance and improvement projects: (1) "Piping – American National Standards Institute – A13.1, Scheme for Identification of Piping Systems;" (2) "Medical Gases Signage—National Fire Protection Association – 99, Health Facilities, Information and Warning Signs for Gas Systems;" (3) Gas Cylinder – CGA Pamphlet C-9, Standard Color Marking of Compressed Gas Cylinders intended for Medical Use, and (4) "Physical Hazards – Occupational Safety and Health Act – 29 CFR 1910.144, Safety Color Code for marking Physical Hazards."

These standards will be effective immediately.

Reference:

These standards will be incorporated in the updated IHS Health Facilities Planning Manual, Volume 2, Environmental and Room Layout Criteria. These standards are also incorporated in the Technical Handbook for Environmental Health and Engineering Chapter 21.4 by reference only.

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