

**SECTION 22 63 00**  
**GAS SYSTEMS FOR LABORATORY AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES**

SPEC WRITER NOTES:

1. Delete between // ---- // if not applicable to project. Also delete any other item or paragraph not applicable in the section and renumber the paragraphs.
2. References to pressure in this section are gage pressure unless otherwise noted.

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

A. Central Laboratory and Healthcare Gas Systems: Consisting of oxygen, nitrous oxide, nitrogen, and compressed air services; complete, ready for operation, including all necessary piping, fittings, valves, cabinets, station outlets, rough-ins, ceiling services, gages, alarms including low voltage wiring, nitrogen control panels, cylinder manifolds, air compressors, electric motors and starters, air dryers, filters, pressure regulators, dew point monitor, carbon monoxide monitor and all necessary parts, accessories, connections and equipment. // Match existing station outlet and inlet terminal connections. //

//B. Oxygen System: Ready for connection to outside bulk supply tank, but not including tank.//

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Provide the following if the VAMC is to purchase the bulk oxygen tank and accessories.

//C. Oxygen System: Provide bulk oxygen system consisting of primary liquid tank, reserve liquid tank, vaporizers, alarms including all low voltage wiring, and automatic controls including all interconnecting control and power wiring. Connect to bulk supply main at outside bulk tank farm. //

D. Nitrous Oxide and Nitrogen Systems: Ready for connection to cylinders, but not including cylinders.

E. Supply Lines Outside of Building (including PVC protective pipe): As specified in this Section.

F. Laboratory and healthcare gas system alarm wiring from equipment to alarm panels.

G. A complete listing of all acronyms and abbreviations are included in Section 22 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR PLUMBING.

## 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
  - B. Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
  - C. Section 01 81 13, SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.
  - //D. Section 01 91 00, GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS.//
  - E. Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING: Sealing around pipe penetrations to maintain the integrity of time rated construction.
  - F. Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS: Sealing around pipe penetrations through the floor to prevent moisture migration.
  - G. Section 10 25 13, PATIENT BED SERVICE WALLS: Prefabricated bedside patient units (PBPUs).
  - //H. Section 13 05 41, SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS: Seismic Restraint.//
  - I. Section 22 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR PLUMBING: General requirements and items common to more than one section of Division 22.
  - J. Section 22 05 12, GENERAL MOTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR PLUMBING EQUIPMENT: Electric motors.
  - //K. SECTION 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS: Requirements for commissioning, systems readiness checklist, and training.//
  - L. SECTION 22 62 00, VACUUM SYSTEMS FOR LABORATORY AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES: Vacuum Piping and Equipment.
- SPEC WRITER NOTE: Delete the following paragraph if BAS is not included on project.
- M. Section 23 09 23, DIRECT-DIGITAL CONTROL SYSTEM FOR HVAC: Alarm interface with BAS.
  - N. Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES: Control wiring.
  - O. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduit.
  - P. Section 26 27 26, WIRING DEVICES: Electrical wiring and accessories.
  - Q. Section 26 29 11, MOTOR CONTROLLERS: Motor starters.

## 1.3 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Make material requirements agree with applicable

requirements specified in the referenced Applicable Publications. Update and specify, in both, that which applies to the project.

- B. American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME):
- A13.1-2007 (R2013).....Scheme for the Identification of Piping Systems
  - B16.15-2013.....Cast Copper Alloy Threaded Fittings: Classes  
125 and 250
  - B16.22-2013.....Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder-Joint  
Pressure Fittings
  - B16.50-2013.....Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Braze-Joint  
Pressure Fittings
  - B40.100-2013.....Pressure Gauges and Gauge Attachments
  - ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code -
  - BPVC Section VIII-2015..Rules for Construction of Pressure Vessels,  
Division I
  - BPVC Section IX-2015....Welding, Brazing, and Fusing Qualifications
- C. American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE):
- 6000 Series-2012.....Professional Qualifications Standard for  
Medical Gas Systems Personnel
- D. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
- B43-2014.....Standard Specification for Seamless Red Brass  
Pipe, Standard Sizes
  - B687-1999 (2011).....Standard Specification for Brass, Copper, and  
Chromium-Plated Pipe Nipples
  - B819-2000 (R2011).....Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Tube  
for Medical Gas Systems
  - D1785-2012.....Standard Specification for Poly (Vinyl  
Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe, Schedules 40, 80,  
and 120
- E. American Welding Society (AWS):
- A5.8M/A5.8-2011.....Specification for Filler Metals for Brazing and  
Braze Welding
  - B2.2/B2.2M-2010.....Specification for Brazing Procedure and  
Performance Qualification
- F. Compressed Gas Association (CGA):
- C-9-2013.....Standard Color Marking of Compressed Gas  
Containers for Medical Use
  - G-4.1-2009.....Cleaning Equipment for Oxygen Service

- G-10.1-2008.....Commodity Specification for Nitrogen
- P-9-2008.....The Inert Gases: Argon, Nitrogen, and Helium
- V-1-2013.....Standard for Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve  
Outlet and Inlet Connections

G. Manufacturing Standardization Society (MSS):

- SP-72-2010a.....Ball Valves With Flanged or Butt-Welding Ends  
For General Service
- SP-110-2010.....Ball Valves Threaded, Socket-Welding, Solder  
Joint, Grooved and Flared Ends

H. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):

- ICS 6-1993 (R2001, R2006) Industrial Control and Systems Enclosures

I. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

- 99-2015.....Health Care Facilities Code

**1.4 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submittals, including number of required copies, shall be submitted in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Information and material submitted under this section shall be marked "SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION 22 63 00, GAS SYSTEMS FOR LABORATORY AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES", with applicable paragraph identification.
- C. Manufacturer's Literature and Data including: Full item description and optional features and accessories. Include dimensions, weights, materials, applications, standard compliance, model numbers, size, and capacity.
  - 1. Piping.
  - 2. Valves.
  - 3. Inlet and outlet cocks
  - 4. Valve cabinets.
  - 5. Gages.
  - 6. Station outlets and rough-in assemblies.
  - 7. Ceiling services.
  - 8. Alarm controls and panels.
  - 9. Pressure Switches.
  - 10. Nitrogen control panels.
  - 11. Manifolds.
  - 12. Air compressor systems (Provide certified compressor test data at startup.):
    - a. Compressors: Manufacturer and model.

- b. Characteristic performance curves.
  - c. Compressor operating speed (RPM).
  - d. Capacity: Free air delivered at indicated pressure (L/s) (SCFM).
  - e. Type of bearing in compressor.
  - f. Type of lubrication.
  - g. Type and adjustment of drive.
  - h. Electric motors: Manufacturer, frame and type.
  - i. Speed of motors (RPM).
  - j. Current characteristics and horsepower of motors.
  - k. Receiver capacity and rating.
  - l. Air silencer: Manufacturer, type and model.
  - m. Air filters: Manufacturer, type, model and capacity.
  - n. Pressure regulators: Manufacturer and capacity.
  - o. Dew point monitor: Manufacturer, type and model.
  - p. Air dryers: Manufacturer, type, model and capacity (L/s) (SCFM).
  - q. Carbon monoxide monitor manufacturer, type and model.
  - r. Aftercoolers.
- D. Station Outlets: Submit letter from manufacturer stating that outlets are designed and manufactured to comply with NFPA 99. Outlet shall bear label of approval as an assembly, of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or Associated Factory Mutual Research Corporation.
- E. Certification: The completed systems have been installed, tested, purged, analyzed and verified in accordance with the requirements of this specification. Certification shall be submitted to COR.
- //F. Completed System Readiness Checklist provided by the CxA and completed by the contractor, signed by a qualified technician and dated on the date of completion, in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.//
- //G. Submit training plans and instructor qualifications in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.//

### 1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Materials and Installation: In accordance with NFPA 99 and as specified.
- B. Equipment Installer: Show technical qualifications and previous experience in installing laboratory and healthcare equipment on three similar projects. Submit names, phone numbers, and addresses of

referenced projects. Installers shall meet the qualifications of ASSE Standard Series 6000.

- C. Equipment Supplier: Provide evidence of equivalent product installed at three installations similar to this project that has been in satisfactory and efficient operation for three years. Submit names, phone numbers, and addresses where the product is installed.
- D. Laboratory and healthcare System Testing Organization: The testing shall be conducted by a party technically competent and experienced in the field of laboratory and healthcare pipeline testing. Testing and systems verification shall be performed by personnel meeting the qualifications of ASSE Standard Series 6000. Such testing shall be performed by a party other than the installing contractor.
- E. Provide the names of three projects where testing of medical or laboratory gases systems has been performed by the testing agency. Include the name of the project, names of such persons at that project who supervised the work for the project owner, or who accepted the report for the project owner, and a written statement that the projects listed required work of similar scope to that set forth in this specification.
- F. Submit the testing agency's detailed procedure which shall be followed in the testing of this project. Include details of the testing sequence, procedures for cross connection tests, outlet function tests, alarm tests, purity tests, etc., as required by this specification. For purity test procedures, include data on test methods, types of equipment to be used, calibration sources and method references.
- G. Certification: Provide COR documentation 10 working days prior to submitting request for final inspection to include all test results, the names of individuals performing work for the testing agency on this project, detailed procedures followed for all tests, and certification that all results of tests were within limits allowed by this specification.
- H. "Hot taps" are prohibited for operating medical oxygen systems. Methods for connection and extension of active and pressurized medical gas systems without subsequent medical gas testing and verification are prohibited.
- I. Bio-Based Materials: For products designated by the USDA's Bio-Preferred Program, provide products that meet or exceed USDA recommendations for bio-based content, so long as products meet all

performance requirements in this specifications section. For more information regarding the product categories covered by the Bio-Preferred Program, visit <http://www.biopreferred.gov>.

#### 1.6 AS-BUILT DOCUMENTATION

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Coordinate O&M Manual requirements with Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. O&M manuals shall be submitted for content review as part of the close-out documents.

- A. Submit manufacturer's literature and data updated to include submittal review comments and any equipment substitutions.
- B. Submit operation and maintenance data updated to include submittal review comments, substitutions and construction revisions shall be // in electronic version on compact disc or DVD // inserted into a three ring binder. All aspects of system operation and maintenance procedures, including piping isometrics, wiring diagrams of all circuits, a written description of system design, control logic, and sequence of operation shall be included in the operation and maintenance manual. The operations and maintenance manual shall include troubleshooting techniques and procedures for emergency situations. Notes on all special systems or devices such as damper and door closure interlocks shall be included. A List of recommended spare parts (manufacturer, model number, and quantity) shall be furnished. Information explaining any special knowledge or tools the owner will be required to employ shall be inserted into the As-Built documentation.
- C. The installing contractor shall maintain as-built drawings of each completed phase for verification; and, shall provide the complete set at the time of final systems certification testing. As-built drawings are to be provided, and a copy of them in Auto-CAD version //\_\_\_\_// provided on compact disk or DVD. Should the installing contractor engage the testing company to provide as-built or any portion thereof, it shall not be deemed a conflict of interest or breach of the 'third party testing company' requirement.
- D. Certification documentation shall be provided to COR 10 working days prior to submitting the request for final inspection. The documentation shall include all test results, the names of individuals performing work for the testing agency on this project, detailed procedures followed for all tests, and certification that all results of tests were within limits specified.

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS****2.1 PIPING AND FITTINGS**

- A. Copper Tubing: Type "K", ASTM B819, seamless copper tube, hard drawn temper, with wrought copper fittings conforming to ASME B16.22 or brazing fittings complying with ASME B16.50. Size designated reflecting nominal inside diameter. All tubing and fittings shall be labeled "ACR/OXY", "OXY", "OXY/MED", "ACR/MED", or "MED".
- B. Brazing Alloy: AWS A5.8M/A5.8, Classification BCuP, greater than 538 degrees C (1000 degrees F) melting temperature. Flux is strictly prohibited for copper-to-copper connections.
- C. Threaded Joints: Polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon) tape.
- D. Underground Protective Pipe: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), ASTM D1785, Schedule 80.
- E. Memory metal couplings: Temperature and pressure rating shall not be less than that of a brazed joint in accordance with NFPA 99, paragraph 5.1.10.6.1.
- F. Apply piping identification labels at the time of installation in accordance with NFPA 99. Apply supplementary color identification in accordance with CGA Pamphlet C-9.
- G. Special Fittings: The following special fittings shall be permitted to be used in lieu of brazed joints:
  - 1. Memory-metal couplings having temperature and pressure ratings joints not less than that of a brazed joint.
  - 2. Listed or approved metallic gas tube fittings that, when made up, provide a permanent joint having the mechanical, thermal, and sealing integrity of a brazed joint.
  - 3. Dielectric fittings where required by the manufacturer of special medical equipment to electrically isolate the equipment from the piping distribution system.
  - 4. Axially swaged, elastic strain preload fittings providing metal to metal seal having pressure and temperature ratings not less than that of a brazed joint and when complete are permanent and non-separable.

**2.2 EXPOSED LABORATORY AND HEALTHCARE GASES PIPING**

- A. Finished Room: Use iron pipe size (IPS) chrome plated brass or stainless steel piping for exposed laboratory and healthcare gas piping connecting fixtures, casework, cabinets, equipment and reagent racks



when not concealed by apron including those furnished by the Government or specified in other sections.

1. Pipe: ASTM B43, standard weight.
2. Fittings: Fittings shall comply with ASME B16.15 cast bronze threaded fittings with chrome finish (125 and 250 psig Classes).
3. Nipples: Nipples shall comply with ASTM B687, chromium-plated.
4. Unions: Unions shall comply with MSS SP-72, MSS SP-110, brass or bronze with chrome finish. Unions 65 mm (2-1/2 inches) and greater shall be flange type with approved gaskets.
5. Valves: Valves shall comply with MSS SP-72, MSS SP-110, brass or bronze with chrome finish.

### 2.3 VALVES

- A. Ball: In-line, other than zone valves in cabinets:
  1. 75 mm (3 inches) and smaller: Bronze/ brass body, MSS SP-72, MSS SP-110, Type II, Class 150, Style 1, with tubing extensions for brazed connections, full port, three-piece or double union end connections, Teflon seat seals, full flow, 4138 kPa (600 psig) WOG minimum working pressure, with locking type handle, cleaned for oxygen use and labeled for intended service.
  2. 75 to 100 mm (3 to 4 inches): Bronze/ brass body, MSS SP-72 MSS SP-110, Type II, Class 150, Style 1 with tubing extensions brazed to flanges, full port, three piece, double seal, Teflon seals, full flow, 4138 kPa (600 psig) WOG minimum working pressure, with locking type handle, cleaned for oxygen use and labeled for intended service.
- B. Check:
  1. 75 mm (3 inches) and smaller: Bronze/brass body, straight through design for minimum pressure drop, spring loaded, self-aligning with Teflon cone seat, vibration free, silent operation, supplied NPT female threads at each end with flow direction arrow permanently cast into, cleaned for oxygen use and labeled for intended service, 2758 kPa (400 psig) WOG minimum working pressure.
  2. 100 mm (4 inches) and larger: Iron body, bronze trim, swing type, vertical or horizontal installation, flange connection, with flow direction arrow permanently cast into, cleaned for oxygen use and labeled for intended service, 1035 kPa (150 psig) WSP.
- C. Zone Valve in Cabinet: Ball valve, bronze/ brass body, double seal, three piece or double union end connections, replaceable Teflon seat

seals, Teflon stem seal, 4138 kPa (600 psig) WOG, cold, non-shock gas working pressure service to 100 kPa (29 inches Hg), cleaned for oxygen use and labeled for intended service, blowout proof stem, one quarter turn of handle to completely open or close. Provide tubing extensions factory brazed, and pressure tested. Provide 3.2 mm (1/8 inch) NPT gauge port for a 50 mm (2 inch) diameter monitoring gauge downstream of the shut off valve. Zone valves shall be securely attached to the cabinet and provided with type "K" copper tube extensions for making connection to system piping outside the cabinet. Zone valves shall be products of one manufacturer, and uniform throughout in pattern, overall size and appearance. Trim with color coded plastic inserts or color coded stick-on labels. Install valves in cabinets such that cover window cannot be in place when any valve is in the closed position. Color coding for identification plates and labels is as follows:

SERVICE LABEL	IDENTIFICATION COLORS	MFG. STD. CLR.
OXYGEN	White letters on green background	GREEN
NITROUS OXIDE	White letters on blue background	BLUE
NITROGEN	White letters on black background	BLACK
MEDICAL AIR	Black letters on yellow background	YELLOW
CARBON DIOXIDE	Black or white letters on gray background	GRAY

#### 2.4 VALVE CABINETS

- A. Flush mounted commercially available item for use with laboratory and healthcare services, not lighter than 1.3 mm (18 gage) steel or 1.9 mm (14 gage) extruded aluminum, rigidly assembled, of adequate size to accommodate valve(s) and fittings. Punch or drill sides to receive tubing. Provide anchors to secure cabinet to wall construction. Seal openings in cabinet to be dust tight. Locate bottom of cabinet 1375 mm (4 feet 6 inches) above finished floor.
- B. Mount engraved rigid plastic identification plate on wall above or adjacent to cabinet. Color code identification plate to match gas identification colors as indicated above. Identification plate shall be clearly visible at all times. Provide inscriptions on plate to read in substance: "VALVE CONTROL SUPPLY TO ROOMS."
- C. Cover plate: Fabricate from 1.3 mm (18 gage) sheet metal with satin chromed finish, extruded anodized aluminum, or 0.85 mm (22 gage)

stainless steel. Provide cover window of replaceable plastic, with a corrosion resistant device or lever secured to window for emergency window removal. Permanently paint or stencil on window: CAUTION-CLOSE ONLY IN EMERGENCY, SHUT-OFF VALVES FOR PIPED GASES", or equivalent wording. Configure such that it is not possible to install window with any valve in the closed position. Each valve shall have gauge upstream of valve inside valve box.

- D. Cabinets and isolation valves shall be located and piped as shown on drawings, and at a minimum, so as to allow the isolation of each smoke compartment separately. No cabinet shall serve more than one smoke compartment.

## 2.5 GAGES

- A. Pressure Gages: Includes gages temporarily supplied for testing purposes.
  1. For line pressure use adjacent to source equipment: ASME B40.1, pressure gage, single, size 115 mm (4-1/2 inches), for compressed air, nitrogen and oxygen, accurate to within 2 percent, with metal case. Range shall be two times operating pressure. Dial graduations and figures shall be black on a white background, or white on a black background. Gage shall be cleaned for oxygen use, labeled for appropriate service, and marked "USE NO OIL". Install with gage cock.
  2. For all services downstream of main shutoff valve: Manufactured for oxygen use, labeled for the appropriate service and marked "USE NO OIL", 40 mm (1-1/2 inch) diameter gage with dial range 1 to 690 kPa (1 to 100 psig) for air service // , and // 1 to 690 kPa (1 to 100 psig) // 1 to 2050 kPa (1 to 297 psig) // for [insert special gas here] service // .

## //2.6 STATION OUTLETS

- A. For all services except ceiling hose drops and nitrogen system: For designated service, consisting of a quick coupler and inlet supply tube. Provide coupler that is non-interchangeable with other services, and leak proof under three times the normal working pressure. Equip each station outlet with an automatic valve and a secondary check valve to conform with NFPA 99. Equip each station inlet with an automatic valve to conform with NFPA 99. Place valves in the assembly to provide easy access after installation for servicing and replacement, and to facilitate line blow-out, purging, and testing. Fasten each outlet and

inlet securely to rough-in to prevent floating and provide each with a capped stub length of 6 mm (1/4-inch) (10 mm outside diameter) (3/8-inch outside diameter) tubing for connection to supply. Identification of each gas service shall be permanently cast into the back plate and shall be visible through a transparent plastic guard. Label stub tubing for appropriate service. Rough-in kits and test plugs for PBPU are furnished under this specification but installed by manufacturer of PBPU before initial test specified herein. Install completion kits (valve body and face plate) for the remainder of required tests.

- B. For Ceiling Hose Drops and Nitrogen Service: Brass, stainless steel or chromed metal non-interchangeable DISS connections for appropriate service to conform with CGA V-5. Equip each station outlet with an automatic valve and a secondary check valve to conform with NFPA 99. Equip each station inlet with an automatic valve to conform with NFPA 99. Place valves in the assembly to provide easy access after installation, for servicing and replacement, and to facilitate line blow-out, purging, and testing. Fasten each outlet and inlet securely to rough-in to prevent floating, and provide each with a capped stub length of 6 mm (1/4-inch) (10 mm (3/8-inch) outside diameter) tubing for connection to supply. Label stub tubing for appropriate service. Adjust to compensate for variations in plaster or cover thickness. //

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Use the following paragraph if DISS connection outlets are to be furnished. To be used only to match existing during renovations.

## //2.7 STATION OUTLETS

- A. For all services: Brass, stainless steel or chromed metal non-interchangeable DISS connections for appropriate service to conform with CGA V-5. Equip each station outlet with an automatic valve and a secondary check valve to conform with NFPA 99. Equip each station inlet with an automatic valve to conform with NFPA 99. Place valves in the assembly to provide easy access after installation, for servicing and replacement, and to facilitate line blow-out, purging, and testing. Fasten each outlet securely to outlet rough-in to prevent floating, and provide each outlet with a capped stub length of 6 mm (1/4-inch) (10 mm (3/8-inch) outside diameter) tubing for connection to supply. Label stub tubing for appropriate service. Adjustable to compensate for variations in plaster or cover thickness. Rough-in kits and test plugs for PBPU are furnished under this specification but installed by

manufacturer of PBPB before initial tests specified herein. Install outlet completion kits (valve body and face plate) for the remainder of required tests. //

## 2.8 STATION OUTLET ROUGH-IN

- A. Anchor flush mounted rough-in securely to unit or wall construction.
- B. Modular Cover Plate: Die cast back plate, two-piece 0.85 mm (22 gage) stainless steel or 1.6 mm (16 gage) chromium plated metal, with mounting flanges on all four sides, secured to rough-in with stainless steel or chromium plated countersunk screws.
- C. Cover Plate for PBPB: One-piece with construction and material as indicated for modular cover plate.
- D. Provide permanent, metal or plastic, identification plates securely fastened at each outlet and inlet opening, with inscription for appropriate service using color coded letters and background. Metal plates shall have letters embossed on baked-on enamel background. Color coding for identification plates is as follows:

SERVICE LABEL	IDENTIFICATION PLATE COLORS
OXYGEN	White letters on green background and vice versa
NITROUS OXIDE	White letters on blue background
NITROGEN	White letters on black background
MEDICAL AIR	Black letters on yellow
CARBON DIOXIDE	White letters on gray background

## 2.9 CEILING SERVICES

- A. Column Accessories:
  1. Equip each utility column with flush type quick coupler gas service station outlets, except nitrogen outlets shall be DISS, as specified under paragraph "Station Outlets". Provide the following outlets, mounted on the utility column: two oxygen, one nitrous oxide, one nitrogen, one medical air, and one carbon dioxide, unless otherwise noted.
  2. Provide one 48 mm by 75 mm (1-7/8 inches by 3 inches) blank and face plate for future installation of mass spectrometer inlet tubing and wiring.
  3. Provide spacing to allow for future installation of up to three monitoring receptacles.

4. Provide four single, NEMA 5-20R, hospital grade receptacles rated at 20 amps, 125 volts, 2 pole, 3 wire; two grounding receptacles. Coordinate with Section 26 27 26, WIRING DEVICES.
  5. Equip column with four I.V. hooks.
  6. Provide one 48 mm by 75 mm (1-7/8 inches x 3 inches) blank face plate for computer connection.
- B. Articulating Utility Column:
1. Pendant: Articulating arm and head constructed of lightweight aluminum alloy castings enclosed in high impact, flame retardant (UL 94 V-0) dress shrouds. Arm shall have a minimum of 508 mm (20 inch) vertical range of motion and a horizontal swing of 5.67 RAD (330 degrees), adjustable in .26 RAD (15 degree) increments. Head shall have a minimum rotation of 5.76 RAD (330 degrees) adjustable in .26 RAD (15 degree) increments. Minimum reach of the arm from ceiling pivot to head pivot is 889 mm (37 inches). The total reach of the pendant with head perpendicular to the arm axis is 1450 mm (57 inches). Vertical motion shall be achieved by 93 watts (1/8 hp) induction motor. Driven linear motion is by hand control contained in housing. Pneumatic driven unit shall consist of a pneumatic cylinder, duplex regulating valve, pressure gauge, filter, pressure relief valve, master control valve and lubricator/muffler. The entire vertical motor mechanism within unit shall be furnished and pre-installed. The weight capacity of head shelf shall be 79 kg (175 pounds) of weight mounted onto integral shelf or 57 kg (125 pounds) if the optional monitor mount is used. Nitrogen control system shall be integral with the unit with internal regulators mounted in the dispensing head. Factory assembled and tested. Provide with complete protective cover for the duration of construction.
  2. Ceiling Support: Provide manufacturers standard anchoring device for pendant. Provide all required hardware to support pendant from the building structure.
- C. Retractable Utility Column: Column: Upper section for rigid mounting at drop-ceiling level, and counter-balanced telescoping lower section capable of being extended and retracted minimum 450 mm (18 inches). Provide fail-proof stops to prevent the underside from extending lower than 1675 mm (5 feet 6 inches) above finished floor. Equip with combination handle and release lever to allow the lower telescoping section to be positively locked in any position from fully extended to

fully retracted. Construct vertical sections with 1 mm (20 gage) stainless steel and bottom plate with 1.9 mm (14 gage) stainless steel. Welded seams shall be ground smooth for seamless appearance. Except for the escutcheon which may be extruded aluminum, exposed surfaces shall be NAAMM Number 4 satin finish stainless steel. Provide access panels to allow inspection of interior column fittings. Nitrogen control system shall be integral with the unit with internal regulators mounted in the dispensing head. Factory assembled and tested. Provide with complete protective cover for the duration of construction.

D. Ceiling Mounted Station Outlets: As specified under paragraph "Station Outlets", flush mount on ceiling and provide with hose tubing drops and retractors. Extend male thread DISS connection through ceiling plate.

1. Hoses: Conductive, neoprene tubing, color coded for appropriate service, dropping to within 1375 mm (4 feet 6 inches) from floor, with upper end of hose having female DISS connection with nut, easily finger tightened to ceiling outlet or inlet, and lower end of hose having DISS connection only for nitrogen service, and // matching existing equipment // having quick coupler // for all other services. Color coding for hoses is as follows:

SERVICE	HOSE COLOR
OXYGEN	Green
NITROUS OXIDE	Blue
NITROGEN	Black
AIR	Yellow
CARBON DIOXIDE	Gray

2. Rough-in: Standard metal single gang, interchangeable, sectional or one piece, securely anchored to ceiling runner channels; ceiling plates of die cast plate, 0.85 mm (22 gage) stainless steel or 1.6 mm (16 gage) chromium plated metal. Attach identification plate, as specified in paragraph "Station Outlet Rough-In", to ceiling plate adjacent to each outlet and inlet.

3. Hose retractor kit: Chrome-plated, spring loaded assembly and hose clamps with stainless steel sash chain; to automatically withdraw hose assembly a minimum of 508 mm (20 inches) from fully extended position of 1425 mm (4 feet 8 inches) to 1930 mm (6 feet 4 inches) above finished floor.

**2.10 ALARMS**

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Electrical Engineer shall verify electrical service is shown to laboratory and healthcare alarm panel in each zone.

- A. Provide all low voltage control wiring, including wiring from alarm relay interface control cabinet to BAS, required for complete, proper functioning system, in conformance with Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES. Run wiring in conduit, in conformance with Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
- B. Local Alarm Functions: Provide individual local air compressor malfunction alarms at each compressor system main control panel.
  - 1. Compressor Malfunction Alarm: Each compressor system receiving any of the following individual signals and sends a single combined "compressor malfunction alarm" signal to master alarm panel.
    - a. Thermal Malfunction Alarm: Functions when discharge air temperature exceeds 177 degrees C (350 degrees F), shutting down affected compressor.
    - b. Lead Compressor Fails to Start: Functions when lead compressor fails to start when actuated, causing lag pump to start.
    - c. Lag Compressor In Use: Functions when the primary or lead compressor is incapable of satisfying the demand. When three or more compressors are part of the system, the lag compressor in use alarm shall energize when the last compressor has been signaled to start.
    - d. High Water Level in Receiver (liquid ring or water-cooled units).
    - e. High Water Level in Separator (if so required) (liquid ring unit).
  - 2. Desiccant Air Dryer Malfunction Alarm: Dryer receives the following individual signals and sends a single consolidated dryer malfunction alarm signal to master alarm panel.
    - a. Dew Point Alarm: Functions when line pressure dew point rises above 4 degrees C (40 degrees F) at 380 kPa (55 psig).
  - 3. Vacuum Pump Malfunction Alarm: Pump system receives the following individual signals and sends a single consolidated pump malfunction alarm signal to master alarm panel.



- a. High Temperature Shut down Alarm: Functions when exhaust air temperature exceeds 104 degrees C (220 degrees F), shutting down affected pump.
  - b. Lead Pump Fails to Start Alarm: Functions when lead pump fails to start when actuated causing lag pump to start.
  - c. Lag Pump In Use Alarm: Functions when the primary or lead vacuum pump is incapable of satisfying the demand. When three or more vacuum pumps are part of the system, the lag pump in use alarm shall energize when the last vacuum pump has been signaled to start.
4. Waste Anesthetic Gas Disposal (WAGD) Lag In Use Alarm: Provide when a central WAGD system is used. The signal shall be manually reset.
  5. Instrument Air Dew Point High: Functions when the line pressure dew point is greater than -30 degrees C (-22 degrees F).
- C. Master Alarm Functions: Provide the following individual alarms at the master alarm panel.
1. Oxygen Alarms:
    - a. Liquid oxygen low level alarm: Functions when stored liquid oxygen reaches a predetermined minimum level.
    - b. Reserve switchover alarm: Functions when, or just before, reserve oxygen supply goes in operation.
    - c. Reserve low supply alarm: Functions when contents of cylinder reserve oxygen supply are reduced to one day's average supply; switch and contacts at the bulk tank control panel.
    - d. Reserve low pressure alarm: Functions when the gas pressure available in the liquid reserve oxygen supply is reduced below the pressure required to function properly.
    - e. Low pressure alarm: Functions when system pressure downstream of the main shutoff valve drops below 275 kPa (40 psig),  $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig); operated by pressure switch or transmitters.
    - f. High pressure alarm: functions when system pressure downstream of main shutoff valve increases above 413 kPa (60 psig),  $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig) set points; operated by pressure switches or transmitters.
    - g. Cylinder reserve pressure low: Functions when the content of a cylinder reserve header is reduced below one day's average supply.

2. Nitrous Oxide Alarms:
  - a. Reserve switchover alarm: Functions when, or just before, secondary or reserve nitrous oxide supply goes in operation.
  - b. Pressure alarms: Functions when system pressure downstream of main shutoff valve drops below 275 kPa (40 psig),  $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig) or increases above 413 kPa (60 psig),  $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig) set points; operated by pressure switches or transmitters.
  - c. Cylinder reserve pressure low: Functions when the content of a cylinder reserve header is reduced below one day's average supply.
3. Nitrogen Alarms:
  - a. Reserve switchover alarm: Functions when, or just before, secondary or reserve nitrogen supply goes in operation.
  - b. Pressure alarms: Functions when system pressure downstream of main shutoff valve drops below 1310 kPa (190 psig),  $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig) or increases above 1517 kPa (220 psig),  $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig) set points; operated by pressure switches or transmitters.
  - c. Cylinder reserve pressure low: Functions when the content of a cylinder reserve header is reduced below one day's average supply.
4. Carbon Dioxide Alarms:
  - a. Reserve Switchover Alarm: Functions when, or just before, secondary or reserve carbon dioxide supply goes in operation.
  - b. Pressure Alarms: Functions when system pressure downstream of main shutoff valve drops below 275 kPa (40 psig),  $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig) or increases above 413 kPa (60 psig),  $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig) set points; operated by pressure switches or transmitters.
  - c. Cylinder reserve pressure low: Functions when the content of a cylinder reserve header is reduced below one day's average supply.
5. Compressed Air Alarms:
  - a. Medical air dew point high alarm: Functions when the line pressure dew point rises above 2 degrees C (35 degrees F) at 380 kPa (55 psig).
  - b. Carbon Monoxide Alarm: Functions when the carbon monoxide levels rise above 10 parts per million; receives signal from the carbon monoxide monitor.

- c. Main Bank Filter Set Alarm: Functions when the pressure drop across filter set increases more than 14 kPa (2 psig) over that when filters are clean and new; operates by differential pressure switch or transmitters.
  - d. Desiccant Prefilter Alarm: Functions when pressure across the filter increases more than 21 kPa (3 psig) over that when filters are clean and new; operates by pressure differential switch.
  - e. Desiccant Post Filter Alarm: Functions when pressure drop across filter increases more than 21 kPa (3 psig) over that when filters are clean and new; operates by pressure differential switch.
  - f. Desiccant Dryer Malfunction Alarm: Functions on any combination of failure of tower cycling and/or pressure dew point rise above 60 degrees C at 690 kPa (140 degrees F at 100 psig).
  - g. Aftercooler High temperature Alarm: Functions when aftercooler discharge air temperature exceeds 38 degrees C (100 degrees F).
  - h. Pressure Abnormal Alarm: Functions when system pressure downstream of main shutoff valve drops below 550 kPa (80 psig) ( $\pm$  gage or increases above 830 kPa (120 psig) ( $\pm$ 14 kPa ( $\pm$ 2 psig) set points; operated by pressure switch.
  - i. Compressor Malfunction Alarm: Functions when compressor system control panel signals compressor thermal malfunction alarm, lead compressor fails to start alarm or high water level in receiver or separator (if so required) receives signal from system control panel.
  - j. Low Lubricant Shutdown: For rotary screw compressors. Functions when lubricant level drops to a low point. Receives signal from compressor control panel.
  - k. Instrument air dew point high alarm: Functions when the line pressure dew point rises above -30 degrees C (-22 degrees F) at 380 kPa (55 psig).
- D. Alarm Functions:
1. Oxygen, nitrous oxide, carbon dioxide and compressed air alarms:  
Pressure alarms: Functions when pressure in branch drops below 275 kPa (40 psig),  $\pm$ 14 kPa ( $\pm$ 2 psig) or increases above 414 kPa (60 psig),  $\pm$ 14 kPa ( $\pm$ 2 psig) set points; operated by pressure switches or transmitters.
  2. Nitrogen alarms: Pressure alarms: Functions when pressure in branch drops below 1310 kPa (190 psig),  $\pm$ 14 kPa ( $\pm$ 2 psig) or increases

- above 1517 kPa (220 psig),  $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig) set points; operated by pressure switches or transmitters.
3. Vacuum alarms: Low vacuum alarm: Functions when vacuum in branch drops below 40 kPa (12 inches Hg); operated by vacuum switch.
  - //4. // [insert special gas here] // alarms:
    - a. Reserve switchover alarm: Functions when secondary or reserve manifold supply goes in operation.
    - b. Pressure alarms: Function when system pressure downstream of main shutoff valve drops below // [insert low set pressure here] // kPa (psig) ( $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig) or increases above // [insert high set pressure here] // kPa (psig) ( $\pm 14$  kPa ( $\pm 2$  psig) set points; operated by pressure switches or transmitters. //
  5. Vacuum alarms:
    - a. Low vacuum alarm: Function when system vacuum upstream of main shutoff valve drops below 40 kPa (12 inches Hg); operated by vacuum switch.
    - b. Filter differential pressure/back pressure alarm: Functions when discharge oil filter differential rises to set level, or when back pressure is sensed; receives signal from pump control panel.
    - c. Laboratory vacuum pump malfunction.
  6. Waste Anesthetic Gas Disposal (WAGD) low alarm: Functions when WAGD vacuum level or flow is below effective operating limits.
- E. Alarm Panels:
1. General: Modular design, easily serviced and maintained; alarms operate on alternating current (AC) low voltage control circuit; provide required number of transformers for efficient functioning of complete system. Alarm panels shall be integral units, reporting // [insert special gas here], // compressed air and vacuum services, as required.
  2. Box: Flush mounted, sectional or one piece, corrosion resistant. Size box to accommodate required number of service functions for each location, and for one audible signal in each box. Anchor box securely. Provide spare capacity to accommodate 50 percent of the number of provided alarm points.
  3. Cover plate: Designed to accommodate required number of signals, visual and audible, for each location, and containing adequate operating instructions within the operator's view. Bezel shall be

- extruded aluminum, chromium plated metal, or plastic. Secure to the box with chromium plated or stainless steel countersunk screws.
4. Service indicator lights: Red translucent plastic or LED with proper service identification inscribed thereon. Number of lights and service instruction shall be as required for each location. Provide each panel with a green test button of the same material, inscribed with "PUSH TO TEST" or similar message.
  5. Audible signal: Provide one in each alarm panel and connect electrically with all service indicator light functions.
  6. Controls:
    - a. Visual signal: When the condition occurs which any individual service indicator light is to report, button for particular service shall give a lighted visual signal which cannot be canceled until such condition is corrected.
    - b. Audible signal: Alarm shall give an audible signal upon circuit energization of any visual signal. Audible signal shall be continuous until silenced by pushing a button. This shall cancel and reset audible only, and not affect the visual signal. After silencing, subsequent alarms shall reactivate the audible alarm.
    - c. Signal tester: Test button or separate normal light shall be continuously lighted to indicate electrical circuit serving each individual alarm is energized. Pushing test button shall temporarily activate all visual signals and sound audible signal, thereby providing desired indications of status of system.

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Delete the following paragraph if a BAS is not included on the project.

- F. Alarm Relay Interface Control Cabinet: Design cabinet to transfer the closed circuit alarm signals through relays to a set of terminals for monitoring signals at the BAS without interrupting the closed circuit system. Constructed of 1.9 mm (14 gage) steel, conforming with NEMA ICS 6, Type 1, enclosures. Provide both normally open and normally closed contacts for output signals, with number of circuits required for full alarm capability at the BAS. Refer to Section 23 09 23, DIRECT-DIGITAL CONTROL SYSTEM FOR HVAC for compatibility.

SPEC WRITER NOTES:

1. Provide where required. Coordinate Alarm Network Communication requirements with the BAS for

- compatibility. Provide required power to the Network Communications Board.
2. VAMCs may not allow anyone on their network if necessary. Contractor to run their own network. Coordinate requirements with COR.

G. Alarm Network Communication: Network communications board shall be installed in local alarm and connected to the //contractor supplied network// //facility's Ethernet//. Local alarm modules shall send information to the master alarm and the data can be downloaded thru the computer connected to the //contractor supplied network// //facility's Ethernet//. Master alarm displays the message, sounds its alarm and saves the information in an event log. This event log shall be downloaded to a computer file for tracking data and troubleshooting.

#### **2.11 PRESSURE SWITCHES**

A. General purpose, contact or mercury type, allowing both high and low pressure set points, with contact type provided with a protective dust cover; adjustable range; switches activate when indicated by alarm requirements. Use one orifice nipple (or DISS demand check valve) for each sensor or pressure switch.

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Delete if provided with articulating utility column.

#### **2.12 NITROGEN CONTROL PANEL (NCP)**

- A. General: For nitrogen service, consisting of a line pressure control regulator, outlet line pressure gage, DISS service outlet, and supply valve, assembled and rigidly mounted in a roughing-in assembly, and provided with a metal cover plate. Panel shall be designed to deliver 10 L/s (20 SCFM) at 1538 kpa (223 psig). Unit may be recessed wall mounted or integral with the articulating arm or column with individual regulators for each outlet.
- B. Manifold Assembly: Mounted to a steel support bracket, factory assembled and tested, ready for installation in the roughing-in assembly.
1. Supply valve, bronze bodied, double seal, full flow, ball type, designed for working pressure in excess of 1700 kPa (300) psig, with chrome plated brass ball which seals in both directions, requiring only a quarter turn of the knob from open to closed position.

2. Line pressure control regulator, self-relieving, diaphragm type, with high-flow precision adjustment and working pressure in excess of 1700 kPa (250 psig).
  3. Line pressure gage, to monitor the gas outlet line pressure, calibrated from 0 to 2070 kPa (0 to 300 psig) in increments of 100 kPa (10 psig).
  4. Nitrogen service outlet, DISS type as specified under paragraph "Station Outlets", with a self-sealing dust plug, having a working pressure of 1700 kPa (250 psig) maximum.
  5. Two 145 mm (5-3/4 inch) lengths of 10 mm (3/8 inch) outside diameter type "K" copper tubing for connection to gas service supply line and to remote outlet line.
- C. Roughing-In Assembly: Designed for recessed installation, consisting of a prime painted steel fabricated back box with mounting flanges on all four sides, with provisions to securely anchor the back box to wall construction. Equip with a crossover "U" tube to facilitate testing of the nitrogen system prior to the manifold installation, and a plaster shield to prevent dust or other foreign matter from contaminating internal parts prior to final assembly.
- D. Cover plate Assembly: Chromed cast metal or NAAMM Number 4 satin finished stainless steel panel with provisions for line pressure gage(s), nitrogen outlet, regulator and supply valve knobs, attaching directly to the roughing-in assembly by means of four Number 6 - 32 by 40 mm (1-1/2 inch) long mounting screws, with plaster adjustments up to 20 mm (3/4 inch).

SPEC WRITER NOTE: If no special cylinder gases are included on the project, delete the following paragraph.

### **2.13 CYLINDER GAS SUPPLY MANIFOLDS**

- A. Non-ferrous metal manifold and fittings, valves, parts and connections, suitable for a regular working pressure of 21 kPa (3000 psig). Gas cylinders at manifold shall be individually chained to wall or floor with adequate support. Cylinders shall not be chained to portable or movable apparatus such as beds.
- B. Duplex arrangement, each bank having number of cylinder connections as required, high pressure copper cylinder connection pigtailed with brazed fittings. Shutting of either bank shall not interrupt supply to system.

- C. Provide manifold with two (one for each bank) two-stage pressure regulators with gages and built-in safety valves, manifold header valves and check valves, service line connection valves, relief valves, tank connecting coils and handles, and all required equipment for a complete assembly. Enclose manifold controls in sheet metal cabinet.
- D. Supply pressure for // [insert name of gas here] // is // [insert supply pressure here] //.
- E. Switch-over to full reserve bank shall be automatic when one cylinder bank becomes exhausted, with no fluctuation in pressure, and not require resetting of regulators. After replacement of empty tank, resetting of controls shall be automatic or by single lever. Reserve switch-over shall be actuated by pressure switch; alarm shall be part of manifold control.

#### **2.14 AIR COMPRESSOR SYSTEMS**

- A. System Design: The laboratory air system shall be of a modular base mounted design consisting of // multiplex // triplex // duplex// compressor, dryer/control, and an air receiver. Each unit shall be fully compliant with the latest edition of NFPA 99.
- B. Compressors: Continuous duty rated "oil-less" type with permanently lubricated, sealed bearings. Single stage design, air cooled, reciprocating type with corrosion resistant reed type valves with stainless steel reeds. Both the compression rings and rider rings shall be made from a long life, fluororesin material designed for continuous duty operation. The crankshaft shall be constructed of a durable nodular graphite cast iron and designed to be fully supported on both ends by heavy duty ball bearings permanently lubricated and sealed. The crankcase shall be constructed of gray cast iron. Maximum heat dissipation shall be achieved through cast aluminum alloy cylinders treated for optimum corrosion and wear resistance. Cylinder sleeves shall not be required. Additionally, heat transmission from the piston wall to the piston pin needle bearing shall be minimized by an insulated "heat cut" piston pin. The connecting rod shall be of a one piece design for maximum reliability. Bio-based materials shall be utilized when possible.
- C. Compressor Drive and Motor: V-belt driven through a combination flywheel/sheave and steel motor sheave with tapered bushing and protected by an OSHA approved, totally enclosed belt guard. Belt tensioning shall be achieved by a pivoting motor mounting base that is



fully adjustable through twin adjusting screws. The motor shall be a NEMA rated, open-drip-proof, 1800 RPM, with 1.15 service factor suitable for 208/230/460V electrical service, as specified in Section 22 05 12, GENERAL MOTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR PLUMBING EQUIPMENT and Section 26 29 11, MOTOR CONTROLLERS.

- D. Intake Piping: Provide a pre-piped intake manifold with one inlet air filter with threaded opening for remote intake connection. Isolate filter housing from the intake manifold with a braided 304 stainless steel flex connector.
- E. Discharge Piping: Provide an integral air cooled aftercooler designed for a maximum approach temperature of -11 degrees C (12 degrees F) complete with moisture separator and timed automatic solenoid drain valve with a manual drain valve by-pass. Provide each cylinder head with a pre-wired high discharge air temperature shutdown switch. Include a flex connector, safety relief valve, and check valve. The compressor discharge line the piping shall be of ASTM B819 copper tubing, brass, and/or stainless steel. The discharge flex connector shall be braided 304 stainless steel, brass or bronze.
- F. Isolation System: Isolate the compressor and monitor from the main compressor module base by means of a four point, heavy duty, spring isolation system for a minimum of 95 percent isolation efficiency.
- G. Dryer/Control: The dryer/control shall include a NEMA 12, U.L. labeled control system, duplexed desiccant drying system, duplexed final line filters, duplexed final line regulators, and combination dew point/CO monitor. All of the above shall be pre-wired and pre-piped in accordance with NFPA 99 and include valving to allow complete air receiver by-pass, as well as air sampling port.
- H. Dryer: Size each desiccant dryer for the peak calculated demand and capable of producing -12 degrees C (10 degrees F) pressure dew point. Dryer purge flow shall be minimized through an on-demand purge saving control system. Include a mounted prefilter rated for 0.01 micron with automatic drain and element change indicator on the inlet of each dryer.
- I. Control System: Mounted and pre-wired control system shall be NEMA 12 and U.L. labeled. This control system shall provide automatic lead/lag sequencing with circuit breaker disconnects for each compressor with external operators, one non-fused main disconnect with external operators, full voltage motor magnetic starters with overload

protection, redundant 120V control circuit transformers, visual and audible reserve unit alarm with isolated contacts for remote alarm, hand-off-auto (HOA) lighted selector switches, automatic alternation of both compressors with provisions for simultaneous operation if required, automatic activation of reserve unit if required, visual alarm indication for high discharge air temperature shutdown with isolated contacts for remote alarm, and duplexed run time hour meters.

- J. Final Line Filters and Regulators: Fully duplexed final line filters rated for 0.01 micron with element change indicators shall be factory mounted and pre-piped, along with duplexed factory mounted and pre-piped final line regulators and duplex safety relief valves.
- K. Dew Point Hygrometer/CO Monitor: Mounted, pre-piped and wired, combination dew point hygrometer/CO monitor shall be of the ceramic type with integral chemical type CO sensor. System accuracy shall be  $\pm 1$  degree C (2 degrees F) for dew point and 2 mg/L (2 PPM) (at 10 PPM) for carbon monoxide. Dew point alarm shall be factory set at 4 degrees C (40 degrees F) per NFPA 99, and the CO alarm shall be factory set at 10 mg/L (10 PPM). Both set points shall be field adjustable.
- L. Air Receiver: Vertical air receiver, galvanized, ASME Coded, National Board Certified, rated for minimum 1035 kPa (150 psig) design pressure and includes a sight gauge glass as well as a timed automatic solenoid drain valve. Provide three valve bypass on supply.
- M. Example of an acceptable product and manufacturer: Beacon Medical Products "Lifeline Medical Air Systems".

#### **2.15 PRESSURE REGULATORS**

- A. For 690 kPa (100 psig) regulator, provide duplex in parallel, valve for maintenance shut-down without service interruption. For additional pressures, locate regulators remote from compressor near point of use, and provide with isolation valves and valve bypass.
  - 1. For systems 5 L/s (10 SCFM) and below: Brass or bronze body and trim, reduced pressure range 170 to 850 kPa (25 to 123 psig) adjustable, spring type, diaphragm operated, relieving. Delivered pressure shall vary not more than 1.0 kPa (0.15 psig) for each 10 kPa (1.5 psig) variation in inlet pressure.

#### **2.16 EMERGENCY LOW PRESSURE OXYGEN INLET**

- A. The Low Pressure Emergency Oxygen Inlet provides an inlet for connecting a temporary auxiliary source of oxygen to the oxygen pipeline system for emergency or maintenance situations per NFPA 99.

- B. The inlet consist of a 25 mm (1 inch) ball valve, pressure gauge and a 15 mm x 25 mm (1/2 inch x 1 inch) NPTF connection housed in a weather tight enclosure. The enclosure is labeled "Emergency Low Pressure Gaseous Oxygen Inlet", and includes a padlock staple to prevent tampering or unauthorized access. The enclosure is suitable for recess mounting on the exterior of the building being served. The enclosure is 1.9 mm (14 gauge), cold rolled steel with a primer coat of paint. The Emergency Oxygen Inlet is connected at a point downstream of the main supply line shutoff valve.
- C. Check valves are provided for installation in the emergency supply line and in the main supply line between the main line shutoff valve and the emergency supply line connection per by NFPA 99. Check valves have a cast bronze body and straight through design for minimum pressure drop.
- D. The check valves for sizes under 75 mm (3 inch) are soft seated, bubble tight, self-aligning, and spring loaded, and ball type check valves. 75 mm (3 inch) check valves are hard seated, spring loaded, self-aligning ball type checks with cone seats (3 inch valves may not be "bubble tight"). Check valves shall be fast acting type.
- E. A relief valve is provided for installation in the emergency supply line per NFPA 99. The relief valve has a brass body, single seat design, and is cleaned for oxygen use. It automatically reseats to provide a "bubble tight" seal after discharging excess gas. Pre-set at 520 kPa (75 psig).

### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### **3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. In accordance with NFPA 99. Run buried oxygen piping in PVC protective pipe for entire length including enclosure of fittings and changes of direction.
- B. Install cast escutcheon with set screw at each wall, floor and ceiling penetration in exposed finished locations and within cabinets and millwork.
- C. Open ends of tube shall be capped or plugged at all times or otherwise sealed until final assembly to prevent infiltration of any foreign matter.
- D. Cut piping square and accurately with a tube cutter (sawing is prohibited) to measurements determined at place of installation. Ream tube to remove burrs, being careful not to expand tube, and so no chips of copper remain in the tube. Work into place without springing or

forcing. Bottom tube in socket so there are no gaps between tube and fitting. Exercise care in handling equipment and tools used in cutting or reaming of tube to prevent oil or grease being introduced into tubing. Where contamination has occurred, material is no longer suitable for oxygen service.

- E. Spacing of hangers: NFPA 99.
- F. Rigidly support valves and other equipment to prevent strain on tube or joints.
- G. While being brazed, joints shall be continuously purged with oil free nitrogen. The flow of purged gas shall be maintained until joint is cool to touch.
- H. Do not bend tubing. Use fittings.
- I. Support ceiling column assembly from heavy sub-mounting castings furnished with the unit as part of roughing-in. Anchor with 15 mm (1/2-inch) diameter bolts attached to angle iron frame supported from structural ceiling, unless otherwise indicated.
- J. Provide two 25 mm (1 inch) minimum conduits from ceiling column assembly to adjacent corridor, one for mass spectrometer tubing and wiring and one for monitor wiring, for connection to signal cabling network.
- K. Install pressure switches, transmitter and gauges to be easily accessed, and provide access panel where installed above plaster ceiling. Install pressure switch and sensors with orifice nipple between the pipe line and switches/sensors.
- L. Apply pipe labeling during installation process and not after installation is completed. Size of legend letters shall be in accordance with ASME A13.1.
- M. Pipe compressor intake to a source of clean ambient air as indicated in NFPA 99.
- N. After initial leakage testing is completed, allow piping to remain pressurized with testing gas until testing agency performs final tests.
- O. Penetrations:
  - 1. Fire Stopping: Where pipes pass through fire partitions, fire walls, smoked partitions, or floors, install a fire stop that provides an effective barrier against the spread of fire, smoke and gases as specified in Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING, with intumescent materials only. Completely fill and seal clearances between raceways and openings with the fire stopping material.

2. Waterproofing: At floor penetrations, completely seal clearances around the pipe and make watertight with sealant as specified in Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS. Bio-based materials shall be utilized when possible.
- P. Provide 40 mm (1-1/2 inch) diameter line pressure gage downstream of zone valve in cabinets.
- Q. Provide zone valves in cabinets where indicated and outside each Operating Room and a minimum one zone valve assembly for each 18 outlet set.

### 3.2 STARTUP AND TESTING

- A. Initial Tests: Blow down and high and low pressure leakage tests as required by NFPA 99 with documentation.

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Where the system change is minor delete the following.

- B. Laboratory and/or healthcare testing agency shall perform the following:
  1. Perform and document all cross connection tests, labeling verification, supply system operation, and valve and alarm operation tests as required by, and in accordance with NFPA 99 and the procedures set forth in pre-qualification documentation.
  2. Verify that the systems, as installed, meet or exceed the requirements of NFPA 99, this specification, and that the systems operate as required.
  3. Piping purge test: For each positive pressure gas system, verify cleanliness of piping system. Filter a minimum of 1000 liters (35 cubic feet) of gas through a clean white 0.45 micron filter at a minimum velocity of 100 liters per minute (3.5 SCFM). Filter shall show no discoloration, and shall accrue no more than 0.1 mg (0.0000035 ounces) of matter. Test each zone at the outlet most remote from the source. Perform test with the use of an inert gas as described in CGA P-9.
  4. Piping purity test: For each positive pressure system, verify purity of piping system. Test each zone at the most remote outlet for dew point, carbon monoxide, total hydrocarbons (as methane), and halogenated hydrocarbons, and compare with source gas. The two tests shall in no case exceed variation as specified in paragraph, "Maximum Allowable Variation". Perform test with the use of an inert gas as described in CGA P-9.

5. Outlet and inlet flow test:
  - a. Test all outlets for flow. Perform test with the use of an inert gas as described in CGA P-9.
  - b. Oxygen, nitrous oxide and air outlets shall deliver 100 Lpm (3.5 SCFM) with a pressure drop of no more than 34 kPa (5 psig), and static pressure of 345 kPa (50 psig).
  - c. Nitrogen outlets shall deliver 565 Lpm (20 SCFM) with a pressure drop of no more than 34 kPa (5 psig), and static pressure of 1448 kPa (210 psig).
  - d. Needle valve air outlets shall deliver 1.5 SCFM with a pressure drop of no more than five psig, and static pressure of 345 kPa (50 psig).
6. Source Contamination Test: Analyze each pressure gas source for concentration of contaminants, by volume. Take samples for air system test at the intake and at a point immediately downstream of the final filter outlet. The compared tests shall in no case exceed variation as specified in paragraph "Maximum Allowable Variation". Allowable concentrations are below the following:

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Add parameters for source contamination test for any special gases as appropriate. Consult CGA requirements for grade being specified.

Dew point, air	4 degrees C (40 degrees F) pressure dew point at 690 kPa (100 psig)
Carbon monoxide, air	10 mg/L (ppm)
Carbon dioxide, air	500 mg/L (ppm)
Gaseous hydrocarbons as methane, air	25 mg/L (ppm)
Halogenated hydrocarbons, air	2 mg/L (ppm)

7. Analysis Test:
  - a. Analyze each pressure gas source and outlet for concentration of gas, by volume.
  - b. Make analysis with instruments designed to measure the specific gas dispensed.
  - c. Allowable concentrations are within the following:
    - 1) Laboratory air 19.5 percent to 23.5 percent oxygen.

Oxygen	>=97% plus oxygen
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Nitrous oxide	>=99% plus nitrous oxide
Nitrogen	>=99% plus nitrogen
Medical air	19.5% to 23.5% oxygen
Carbon Dioxide	99% plus carbon dioxide

//2) [add name of special gas and analysis test criteria here]//

8. Maximum Allowable Variation: Between comparative test results required are as follows:

Dew point	2 degrees C (35 degrees F)
Carbon monoxide	2 mg/L (ppm)
Total hydrocarbons as methane	1 mg/L (ppm)
Halogenated hydrocarbons	2 mg/L (ppm)

C. The CxA will observe startup and contractor testing of selected equipment. Coordinate the startup and contractor testing schedules with the COR and CxA. Contractor shall provide a minimum of 10 working days prior to startup and testing.

### 3.3 CONNECTION TO EXISTING LABORATORY GAS SYSTEM:

- A. Contactor shall test the existing system for hydrocarbons, dew point, etc. per NFPA 99. If problems are present, the COR would notify the facility of the results. The facility would then make the necessary repairs and/or maintenance prior to connecting to new system.
- B. Install shut-off valve at the connection of new line to existing line.
- C. Time for shutdown of the existing laboratory and healthcare system shall be coordinated at least 10 work days prior to shutdown with the COR and VA Medical Center.
- D. Shut off all oxygen zone valves and gas riser valves if the section to be connected cannot be totally isolated from the remainder of the system.
- E. Prior to any work being done, check the new pipeline for particulate or other forms of contamination per NFPA 99.
- F. Ensure that the correct type of pipe tubing and fittings are being used.
- G. Make a spot check of the existing pipelines in the facility to determine the level of cleanness present.

- H. Reduce the pressure to zero and make the tie-in as quickly as possible. A nitrogen purge is not required since this would require another opening in the pipe.
- I. After the tie-in is made and allowed to cool, slowly bleed the source gas back into the pipeline. Test the work area for leaks with soapy water and repair any leaks.
- J. After all leaks, if any, are repaired and the line is fully recharged, perform blow down and testing. Open the zone that is closest to the main to the system, access the closest outlet to the work, and blow the main through the outlet. After the outlet blows clear into a white cloth, make an additional check at a zone most distant from the work. Perform all required NFPA 99 tests after connection.

**//3.4 COMMISSIONING**

- A. Provide commissioning documentation in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.
- B. Components provided under this section of the specification will be tested as part of a larger system.//

**3.5 DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING**

- A. Provide services of manufacturer's technical representative for //four// // // hours to instruct VA Personnel in operation and maintenance of units.
- //B. Submit training plans and instructor qualifications in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.//

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