§ 154.826 Vapor compressors and blowers.

(a) Each inlet and outlet to a compressor or blower which handles vapor that has not been inerted, enriched, or diluted in accordance with §154.824 of this subpart must be fitted with:

1. A detonation arrester;
2. A flame arrester; or
3. An explosion suppression system acceptable to the Commandant (CG–522).

(b) If a reciprocating or screw-type compressor handles vapor in the vapor collection system, it must be provided with indicators and audible and visible alarms to warn against the following conditions:

1. Excessive discharge gas temperature at each compressor chamber or cylinder;
2. Excessive cooling water temperature;
3. Excessive vibration;
4. Low lube oil level;
5. Low lube oil pressure; and
6. Excessive shaft bearing temperatures.

(c) If a liquid ring-type compressor handles vapor in the vapor collection system, it must be provided with indicators and audible and visible alarms to warn against the following conditions:

1. Low level of liquid sealing medium;
2. Lack of flow of liquid sealing medium;
3. Excessive temperature of the liquid sealing medium;
4. Low lube oil level;
5. Low lube oil pressure, if pressurized lubricating system; and
6. Excessive shaft bearing temperature.

(d) If a centrifugal compressor, fan, or lobe blower handles vapor in the vapor collection system, construction of the blades and/or housing must meet one of the following:

1. Blades or housing of nonmetallic construction;
2. Blades and housing of nonferrous material;
3. Blades and housing of corrosion resistant steel;
4. Ferrous blades and housing with one-half inch or more design tip clearance; or
5. Blades of aluminum or magnesium alloy and a ferrous housing with a nonferrous insert sleeve at the periphery of the impeller.

§ 154.828 Vapor recovery and vapor destruction units.

(a) The inlet to a vapor recovery unit which receives cargo vapor that has not been inerted, enriched, or diluted in the vapor collection line exceeds 16.5 percent by volume.

(k) An enriching system may be used in a vapor collection system that receives cargo vapor from a vessel with inerted cargo tanks if:

1. Hydrocarbon analyzers are used to comply with paragraph (i)(2) and (i)(3) of this section; or
2. If oxygen analyzers are used, the analyzers activate an alarm when the oxygen concentration in the vapor collection line exceeds 8 percent by volume, and close the remotely operated cargo vapor shutoff valve required by §154.810(a) of this subpart when the oxygen concentration exceeds 9 percent by volume.

(l) An air dilution system must:

1. Supply sufficient additional air to the vapor stream to ensure that the hydrocarbon concentration throughout the vapor collection system is maintained below 30 percent by volume of the lower flammable limit;
2. Activate an alarm when the hydrocarbon concentration in the vapor collection line exceeds 30 percent by volume of the lower flammable limit; and
3. Close the remotely operated cargo vapor shutoff valve required by §154.810(a) of this subpart when the hydrocarbon concentration in the vapor collection line exceeds 50 percent by volume of the lower flammable limit.