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must stop the fuel supply to the fuel burning equipment.

(e) Mercury tube actuated controls are prohibited from being installed and used on automatic auxiliary boilers.

§ 63.15-3 Fuel system.

(a) Firing of an automatic auxiliary boiler by natural gas is prohibited unless specifically approved by the Marine Safety Center.

(b) Heated heavy fuel oil may be used provided the heaters are equipped with a high temperature limiting device that shuts off the heating source at a temperature below the flashpoint of the oil and is manually reset. When a thermostatically-controlled electric oil heater and a level device is used, it must meet the requirements of part 111, subpart 111.85 of this chapter.

NOTE: An auxiliary boiler may be safely ignited from the cold condition using unheated diesel or light fuel oil and subsequently shifted to heated heavy fuel.

(c) The fuel oil service pump and its piping system must be designed in accordance with § 56.50-65 of this chapter. All materials must meet the requirements of part 56, subpart 56.60 of this chapter. The use of cast iron or malleable iron is prohibited.

(d) The fuel oil service system (including the pump) must meet the pressure classification and design criteria found in § 56.04-2, Table 56.04-2 of this chapter.

(e) When properly selected for the intended service, fuel pumps meeting the performance and test requirements of ANSI/UL 343 meet the requirements of this section.

§ 63.15-5 Strainers.

(a) Strainers must be installed in the fuel supply line. Each strainer must be self-cleaning, fitted with a bypass, or be capable of being cleaned without interrupting the fuel oil supply.

(b) The strainer must not allow a quantity of air to be trapped inside which would affect the rate of fuel flow to the burner or reduce the effective area of the straining element.

(c) The strainer must meet the requirements for strainers found in ANSI/UL 296 and the requirements for

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fluid conditioner fittings found in § 56.15-5 of this chapter.

§ 63.15-7 Alarms.

(a) An audible alarm must automatically sound when a flame safety system shutdown occurs. A visible indicator must indicate that the shutdown was caused by the flame safety system.

(b) Means must be provided to silence the audible alarm. The visible indicators must require manual reset.

(c) For steam boilers, operation of the lower low water cutoff must automatically sound an audible alarm. A visual indicator must indicate that the shutdown was caused by low water.

(d) For a periodically unattended machinery space, the auxiliary boiler trip alarm required by 46 CFR 62.35-50, Table 62.35-50 satisfies the requirements for the audible alarms specified in this section.

§ 63.15-9 Inspections and tests.

All automatic auxiliary boilers must be inspected and tested in accordance with the requirements of part 61 of this chapter.

Subpart 63.20—Additional Control System Requirements

§ 63.20-1 Specific control system requirements.

In addition to the requirements found in ANSI/ASME CSD-1/CSD-1a, the following requirements apply for specific control systems:

(a) *Primary safety control system.* Following emergency safety trip control operation, the air flow to the boiler must not automatically increase. For this condition, postpurge must be accomplished manually.

(b) *Combustion control system.* A low fire interlock must ensure low fire start when variable firing rates are used.

(c) *Water level controls and low water cutoff controls.* Water level controls must be constructed and located to minimize the effects of vessel roll and pitch. Float chamber low water cutoff controls using stuffing boxes to transmit the motion of the float from the chamber to the external switches are prohibited. No outlet connection other than pressure controls, water columns,