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Subject:   ASME A112.19.8-2007 (including addenda a-2008); para. 4.1.4, Determining Maximum Allowable Rating  

Question:   Para. 4.1.4, ASME A112.19.8-2007 (including addenda a-2008) cites a 1.5 ft/sec velocity for calculating the maximum allowable rating for field fabricated outlets. Since this an acceptable practice for field fabricated outlets, is this an acceptable practice for determining the maximum allowable rating in lieu of the Hair Entrapment Test for very large suction covers that do not fit in the test assembly described in the standard? These suction covers are mostly small covers framed together to make one big one. In order to conduct the Hair Entrapment Test on these covers, it would be difficult to produce such a big test tank.  

Reply:   No.