# Level Switch <br> NRS 1-50 

For ONE electrode

Original Installation \&

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## Content of this Manual

## Product:

- Level Switch NRS 1-50, for ONE electrode


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## Scope of supply, product package

## NRS 1-50

1 level switch NRS 1-50
1 Installation \& Operating Manual

## How to use this Manual

This Installation \& Operating Manual describes the correct use of the NRS 1-50 level switch. It applies to persons who integrate this equipment in control systems, install, bring into service, operate, maintain and dispose of this equipment. Anyone carrying out the above-mentioned activities must have read this Installation \& Operating Manual and understood its contents.

- Read this Manual in full and follow all instructions.
- Please also read the instructions for use of any accessories.
- The Installation \& Operating Manual is part of the product package. Keep it in an easily accessible location.


## Availability of this Installation \& Operating Manual

- Make sure this Installation \& Operating Manual is always available to the operator.
- If you pass on or sell the equipment to a third party, please also hand over the Installation \& Operating Manual.


## Illustrations and symbols used

1. Action to be taken
2. 

- Lists
- Bullet points in lists

A Keys to illustrations
Additional
information

Read the relevant
Installation \& Operating Manual

## Hazard symbols in this Manual



Danger zone, dangerous situation

## Types of warning

## A DANGER

Warning of a dangerous situation that results in death or serious injury.

## WARNING

Warning of a dangerous situation that may possibly result in death or serious injury.

## CAUTION

Warning of a situation that may result in minor or moderate injury.

## A. ATTENTION

Warning of a situation that results in damage to property or the environment.

## Specialist terms, abbreviations

Here, we explain some abbreviations, specialist terms, etc., which are used in this Manual.

NRGT .. / NRR.. / NRS.. / URS .. / URB .. / SRL .. / etc.

Equipment and type designations of GESTRA AG.

## SELV

Safety Extra Low Voltage

## Operating point (of the plant)

The operating point describes the operating parameters within which a plant or boiler is operated in its nominal range. In a steam boiler, for example, these parameters would be output, pressure, and temperature.
The design data may be a lot more stringent, however.
A boiler that is operated at $145 \mathrm{psi}(10 \mathrm{bar})$ and $356^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(180^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ may be designed to withstand a pressure of $870 \mathrm{psi}(60 \mathrm{bar})$ and a temperature of $527^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(275^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$, for example, which is therefore not necessarily its operating point.

## Usage for the intended purpose

The NRS 1-50 level switch is used in conjunction with the NRG $1 . . .-50$ level electrode as a water level limiter for steam boilers and hot water installations.
Water level limiters switch off the heating when the water drops below the set low water level (LW). The NRS 1-50 is classified as a protective control Class B (C) in accordance with UL60730-1.
When used as intended, the NRS 1-50 level switch is combined in a circuit with the level electrodes stipulated by the directives or standards below:

| Level electrodes NRG 1...-.. |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| UL60730-2-15 <br> CAN/CSA E60730-2-15 <br> FM 7710 | NRG 16-50 | NRG 17-50 | NRG 19-50 |

## Applicable directives and standards

The equipment has been tested and approved for use in the scope governed by the following directives and standards:

## Standards:

■ UL 60730-1 and CAN/CSA E60730-1
General Requirements for Automatic Electrical Controls

- UL 60730-2-15 and CAN/CSA E60730-2-15

Requirements for Automatic Electrical Water Level Sensing Controls

- FM 7710 - Low Water Level Limit Controls for Boiler


## Improper use

$\qquad$
There is a danger of death due to explosion if the equipment is used in potentially explosive atmospheres.

Do not use the equipment in potentially explosive atmospheres.

Do not bring any equipment into service that does not have its own specific rating plate.
The rating plate indicates the technical features of the equipment.

## Basic safety information

## There is a risk of electric shock during work on electrical systems.

- Always switch off the voltage to the plant before performing connection work.
- Check that the plant is not carrying live voltage before commencing work.

Attempts to repair the equipment will cause the plant to become unsafe.

- The NRS 1-50 level switch may only be repaired by the manufacturer, GESTRA AG.
- Only replace faulty equipment with identical equipment from GESTRA AG.


## Required personnel qualifications

| Activity | Personnel |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Integration in control system | Specialist staff | Plant designer |
| Installation/ |  |  |
| electrical connection/ |  |  |
| bringing into service |  |  |$\quad$ Specialist staff \(\left.\quad \begin{array}{l}The equipment may only be installed, wired <br>

and brought into service by qualified and <br>

competent staff.\end{array}\right]\)| Operation | Boiler service technician | Staff trained by the plant operator. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Maintenance work | Specialist staff | Fitting and maintenance work may only be <br> performed by authorized staff who have <br> undergone specific training. |
| Refits | Specialist staff | Persons trained by the plant operator to work <br> with pressure and temperature. |

## Notes on product liability

The manufacturer cannot accept any liability for damages resulting from improper use of the equipment.

## Function

The NRS 1-50 level switch is designed for different boiler water conductivities and for the connection of a single level electrode.
If the water falls below the minimum level, the level electrode is exposed and an alarm is triggered in the level switch. This switchpoint is determined by the length of the electrode extension (level electrode NRG 1...-50).
When the off delay has elapsed, the two output contacts of the level switch open the safety circuit for heating. The heating cut-off is interlocked in the external safety circuit and this interlock can only be deactivated again when the level electrode is immersed once more. In addition, the signal contact for external signaling devices closes without a delay. The NRS 1-50 level switch must be used in combination with an external manual reset when used as a protective device per ASME CSD-1.
An alarm is also triggered if faults occur in a level electrode and/or in the electrical connection. If the level electrode is installed in a level pot outside the boiler, make sure the connection pipes are sufficiently large.
The manufacturer recommends connection pipes of $\geq 1.57$ in ( 40 mm ) for steam and $\geq 3.94$ in $(100 \mathrm{~mm})$ for water. If smaller connection pipes or fittings are used, these shall not be smaller than 1 -inch NPS. The level pot must have a suitable flushing device at its lowest point. This device flushes the connection pipes to the boiler and enables the function of the water level limiter to be tested. No shut-off valves of any type shall be placed in the piping between the boiler and the low water cut-off.
An automatic self-test monitors the safety functions in the level switch and the level electrode. In the event of a fault, the safety circuit opens without a delay and switches the heating off.
Alarm and fault indications are displayed by LEDs and an alarm can be simulated by pressing a button.

## Technical data

## Supply voltage

24 VDC +/- 20\%, 0.3 A; SELV / PELV / CLASS2
$100-240$ VAC $+10 /-15 \%, 47-63 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.2$ A (optional)

## Fuse

External 0.5A; UL category JDYX, e.g., RND 170-00012
Power consumption
7 W
Response sensitivity [Water conductivity at $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ ]

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> 5 ...<5000 ppm(> 10 ...< 10000 \muS/cm)
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## Level electrode connection

1 input for NRG 1...-50 level electrode, 4-pole with shield.

## Safety circuit

2 volt-free NO contacts, 6 A 250 V AC / 30 V DC $\cos \varphi=1$.
Off delay 3 seconds.
Inductive loads must have interference suppression (RC combination) as specified by the manufacturer.

## Signal output

2 volt-free outputs for external signaling without delay, 24 V DC, max. 100 mA (semiconductor output).

## Indicators and controls

2 buttons for testing and diagnosis,
2 red/green LEDs for indicating operating state and alarm.
3 red LEDs for diagnosis.

## Terminal box

Terminal box material: base of black polycarbonate, front of gray polycarbonate
Wire size: $1 \times$ AWG12 ( $4.0 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ) solid, or
1 x AWG14 ( $2.5 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ) stranded with sleeve acc. to DIN 46228, or
$2 \times$ AWG16 ( $1.4 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ) stranded with sleeve acc. to DIN 46228
Terminal strips can be removed separately
Terminal box attachment: Mounting clip on support rail TH 35, EN 60715

## Electrical safety

Pollution degree 2, overvoltage category II according to UL 60730-1

## Protection

Terminal box: IP 40 according to EN 60529
Terminal strip: IP 20 according to EN 60529
As a UL open type, the equipment must be installed in a control cabinet.

## Weight

Approx. $1.1 \mathrm{lb}(0.5 \mathrm{~kg})$

## Ambient temperature

at power-on $32^{\circ} \ldots 131^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(0^{\circ} \ldots 55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$
in operation $14^{\circ} \ldots 131^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(-10^{\circ} \ldots 55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$

## Transport temperature

$-4^{\circ} \ldots 176{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(-20^{\circ} \ldots+80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)(<100$ hours $)$, only switch on after a defrosting period of 24 hours.

## Storage temperature

$-4^{\circ} \ldots 158^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(-20^{\circ} \ldots+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$, only switch on after a defrosting period of 24 hours.

## Relative humidity

Max. 95\%, non-condensing

## Site altitude

Max. $6560 \mathrm{ft}(2000 \mathrm{~m})$

## Other information

- Incorporated Type 2 action protective control Class B (C)
- Pollution degree 2, impulse voltage 2500 V


## Rating plate, identification

Fig. 1

(13)
(1) Safety note
(2) Equipment function
(3) Equipment designation
(4) Power consumption
(5) IP rating
(6) Operating data
(maximum ambient temperature)
7 Power supply
(8) Protection class
( $($ Wiring diagram
(1) Component type approval
(1) Material number-serial number
(12) Manufacturer
(13) Component type approval
(4) Disposal information

Optional information
(5) Measuring range in $\mu \mathrm{S} / \mathrm{cm}$
(16) Measuring range in ppm
(17) Cutout relay
(18) Information on functional safety
(10) Marking for limiters (STL) or monitors (STM)
(20) Field for set limit value
(21) Mode of operation in accordance with EN 60730-1

## Factory default settings

## Level switch NRS 1-50

The level switch is delivered with the following factory default settings:

- Off delay: 3 s


## DANGER

## There is a risk of electric shock during work on electrical systems.

- Switch off the voltage to the plant before you install the equipment.
- Check that the plant is not carrying live voltage before commencing work.


## Dimensions of the NRS 1-50



## Key

(1) Upper terminal strip
(2) Lower terminal strip
(3) Fastening screws (cross recess head screw M3)
(4) Terminal box
(5) Support rail TH 35, EN 60715

## Important notes

## Safety information

The equipment is a protective control according to UL 60730-1 and may only be installed, electrically connected and brought into service by qualified and competent staff.

Fitting and maintenance work may only be performed by authorized staff who have undergone specific training.


## Danger

The terminal strips of the equipment are live during operation! There is a risk of serious injury due to electric shock.
Always cut off power to the equipment before working on the terminal strips (installation, removal, connecting cables).


## Attention

The rating plate indicates the technical features of the equipment. Do not bring into service or operate any equipment that does not bear its own specific rating plate.

## Attention

Pay attention to regulations in your country, e.g., NEC, NFPA, CEC, when using this equipment.

## Preparing for installation

## If the control cabinet is to be installed outdoors, outside the protection of a building, environmental influences may adversely affect function.

- Pay attention to the admissible ambient conditions in the technical data, see page 12.
- Do not operate the equipment if the temperature is below freezing.
- At temperatures below freezing, use a suitable heat source (e.g., control cabinet heater, etc.).
- Connect all parts of the plant to a central grounding point to prevent equalizing currents.
- Use UV-resistant cable ducts for routing the connecting cable.
- Take further measures to protect the equipment from lightning, insects and animals, and salty air.


## You will need the following tools:

- Pozidriv screwdriver size PZ1


## Installation

## ATTENTION

Incorrect installation can lead to malfunctions in the plant or the level electrode.
The NRS 1-50 level switch snaps onto a TH 35, EN 60715 support rail in a control cabinet. Fig. 2 (5

## Electrical connection

## Supply voltage

Please provide the NRS 1-50 level switch with an external 0.5A fuse.

## Connecting the level electrode

Please use the following to connect the level electrode(s):

- A shielded, multi-core TC-ER control cable with a minimum wire size of AWG18, e.g., OELFLEX CONTROL TM CY 5G1. Max. length 328 ft ( 100 m ).
Wire the terminal strip as shown in the wiring diagram. Fig. 3. Connect the shields to terminal 5 and to the central grounding point (CGP) in the control cabinet.


## Connecting the safety circuit

Please connect the safety circuit for the heating to terminals 23,24 and 26 , 27 . If using the equipment as a water level limiter, please connect the output contacts of the two monitoring channels by adding a wire jumper between terminals 24 and 26 .
Provide the output contacts with a slow blow T1A fuse.

Note

- In the event of an alarm, the NRS 1-50 level switch interlock does not take place automatically.
If the installation requires an interlock, this must be implemented in the downstream (safety) circuit.
- In order to guarantee Class C function with second fault protection in accordance with UL 60730-1, both signaling outputs must be monitored during interlock deactivation, see Fig. 4.
- It is important that the interlock is not deactivated when the level switch signals a malfunction to the diagnostic LEDs or the signaling outputs.


## Electrical connection

## Connecting the signal output

A signal output for connecting further external signaling devices, maximum load 100 mA , is allocated to each monitoring channel in the level switch. For connection, please use a control cable, e.g., $2 \times$ AWG20 ( $0.5 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ). In the event of alarm and fault indications, the signal output (terminals 20, 21, 29 and 30 ) closes without a delay.

## Danger

- A safety power supply unit (SELV / PELV / CLASS2) must be used to supply the NRS 1-50 level switch with 24 V DC. This must provide a level of isolation against dangerous contact voltages that at least meets the requirements for double or reinforced insulation in accordance with UL 60730-1 (protective electrical isolation).


## Attention

- Provide the NRS 1-50 level switch with an external 0.5A fuse.
- Connect the shields to terminal 5 and to the central grounding point (CGP) in the control cabinet.
- Provide the safety circuit with a slow blow T1A fuse to protect the switching contacts.
- Switching off inductive loads produces surges that can have a major adverse effect on open and closed-loop control systems. Connected inductive loads must therefore have interference suppression (RC combination) as specified by the manufacturer.
- Connect terminals 24 and 26 with a wire jumper.
- Route the connecting cables to the level electrode and the logic unit separately from power lines.
- Do not use unused terminals as support terminals.
- If, despite the necessary measures being taken, one of the signaling outputs is activated when a relay closes (terminals 23,24 and 26,27 ), there may be a dangerous second fault. Check the equipment and replace if necessary.


## Electrical connection

Wiring diagram of level switch NRS 1-50


Key
8 Supply voltage
(9) Signal output $1 / 2$ for external alarm 24 V DC, 100 mA (semiconductor output)

10 Safety circuit, input and output
(11) Wire jumper, provided by customer
(12) Level electrode NRG 1...-50

CGP Central grounding point in control cabinet

## Electrical connection

Connection example for Class C second fault protection with automatic prevention of interlock deactivation in the event of malfunction. The Reset button is acting to the external lockout reset function


Fig. 4

## Electrical connection

Example switching combinations


Key
(14) Level electrode NRG 1...-50
(16) Safety circuit
(15) Level switch NRS 1-50
(17) Level switch NRS 1-50 for advance low water alarm

## Electrical connection

## Key to example switching combinations

## Steam boilers and hot water installations

## Figure 5

Combination consisting of 1x NRG 1...-50 level electrode plus 1x NRS 1-50 level switch as a water level limiter
For operation in accordance with ASME CSD-1, two mutually independent water level limiters must be used.
If they are deployed outside the boiler, they must be installed in independent level pots with a connection below the minimum water mark. The use of a single steam pipe is permitted.
For automatically fired hot water installations, cut-off must be initiated by a water level limiter.
As hot water boilers do not have a normal water mark, the water level limiter must be installed in such a way that it can detect the lowest admissible water level.

## For further uses, please refer to the regulations in your country

## Figure 6

Combination consisting of $1 x$ NRG 1...-50 level electrode plus 1x NRS 1-50 level switch as a water level limiter.
The level switch opens two separate safety circuits.

## Figure 7

Combination consisting of $1 x$ NRG 1...-50 level electrode plus 1x NRS 1-50 level switch as a water level limiter and 1x NRG 1...-50 level electrode plus 1x NRS 1-50 level switch as an advance low water alarm.

## Figure 8

Combination consisting of $2 x$ NRG 1...-50 level electrodes plus $2 x$ NRS 1-50 level switches as water level limiters.
The level switches open two separate safety circuits.

## Bringing into service

Checking the switchpoint and function

Level electrode
Test and diagnostic button

Fig. 9

| Starting |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Action | Indication | Function |
| Switch on <br> mains supply. | All LEDs light up | System is started and tested, <br> approx. duration 10 s. <br> Output contacts open. <br> Signal output closed. |
|  | All LEDs light up for <br> more than 10 s | System error. Possible causes: Supply voltage <br> error, faulty level switch. |
|  | Green level <br> electrode LED lights up | Output contacts closed, <br> signal output open. |


| Checking the switchpoint and function |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Drain water until it is below <br> the low water (LW) level. Level <br> electrode is exposed | Red level electrode <br> LED flashes | Off delay is in progress, <br> signal output closes without a delay. |
|  | Red level <br> electrode LED lights up | Delay has elapsed, <br> output contacts open. <br> Signal output closed. |


| Possible errors during installation |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Status and display | Error | Corrective action |
| Water below low water (LW) switchpoint according to sight glass, but red level electrode LED is not lit! Safety circuit closed. | Electrode rod is too long. | Cut electrode rod in line with LW switchpoint. |
|  | For internal installation: Upper pressure relief hole in protective tube is missing or obstructed. | Check level electrode installation and make sure that the level in the protective tube corresponds to the actual water level. |
| Water level sufficient. Red level electrode LED lights up! Safety circuit open. | Electrode rod is too short. | Replace electrode rod and cut a new one in line with LW switchpoint. |
|  | Ground connection to tank is interrupted. | Clean sealing surfaces and screw in level electrode with metal sealing ring. Do not insulate with hemp or PTFE tape. |
|  | Electrical conductivity of boiler water is too low. | Use an enlarged measuring surface for the level electrodes. |
|  | Upper pressure relief hole is flooded. | Check level electrode installation and make sure that the level in the protective tube corresponds to the actual water level. |

## Operation, alarm and testing

Indicators and operation


Fig. 9
Diagnostic LED

| Operation |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Action | Indication | Function |
| Level electrode immersed | Green level <br> electrode LED lights <br> up | Output contacts closed, <br> signal output open. |


| Alarm |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Level electrode exposed, water <br> is below low water (LW) level | Red level electrode <br> LED flashes | Off delay is in progress, <br> signal output closes without a delay. |
|  | Red level <br> electrode LED lights <br> up | Delay has elapsed, <br> output contacts open. <br> Signal output closed. |


| Channel 1 test |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| In operating mode: <br> Press button 1 and hold until <br> the end of the test. The level <br> switch must behave as if there <br> were an alarm. | Red level electrode <br> LED flashes | Red level simulation in channel 1. <br> Off delay is in progress, <br> electrode LED lights <br> signal output closes without a delay. |  |
|  | Delay has elapsed, <br> output contacts open. <br> Signal output closed. <br> Test is complete. |  |  |
| If the test is failed, replace the level switch. |  |  |  |

## Fault indications and troubleshooting



## Attention

Please check the following before fault diagnosis:

## Supply voltage:

Is the level switch supplied with the mains voltage specified on the rating plate?

## Wiring:

Does the wiring conform to the wiring diagram and your chosen switching combination?

| Fault indication |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Status | Diagnosis | Function | Next action |
| Error on level electrode <br> evaluation, channel 1 | Diagnostic LED <br> 1 and <br> Alarm 1 LED <br> light up | Output contacts open <br> without a delay. <br> Signal output closes <br> without a delay. | Next: |
| Press button 1 |  |  |  |
| Error detected in level <br> switch | Diagnostic LED <br> 3 and <br> Alarm 1 or 2 LED <br> light up | Output contacts open <br> without a delay. <br> Signal output closes <br> without a delay. | Next: <br> Press button 1 or <br> button 2 |


$\left.$| Diagnosis |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Indication 1 and action | Indication 2 | Error | Corrective action |
| Alarm 1 LED and <br> diagnostic LED 1 light up. <br> Press and hold button 1 | Diagnostic <br> LED 1 <br> flashes | Error in level electrode, <br> error in level switch, <br> wiring error, <br> measuring voltage <br> error. | Diagnostic <br> LED 2 <br> flashes | | Error in level electrode, |
| :--- |
| error in level switch, |
| - measure electrode voltages, |
| -clean level electrode, replace |
| if necessary, |
| -replace level switch. | \right\rvert\,

## Checking the level electrode

## Measuring level switch voltages

Measuring electrode voltages on the level switch enables you to check whether the level electrode is immersed or whether a fault is present. Please pay attention to Fig. 11.

| $\mathbf{U}_{2-4}$ | $\mathbf{U}_{3-4}$ |  | $\mathbf{U}_{2-3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | immersed | exposed | fault (immersed/alarm) |
| $\approx 0.7 \mathrm{~V}$ | $<\frac{\mathbf{U}_{2-4}}{\mathbf{2}}$ | $\geq \frac{\mathbf{U}_{2-4}}{\mathbf{2}}$ | $\leq \mathbf{U}_{3-4}$ |
| $85 \mathrm{Hz!}$ |  |  |  |



Key
CGP Central grounding point in control cabinet

## Note

■ The self-test of the NRS 1-50 level switch cyclically reduces $\mathbf{U}_{2-4}$, possibly to 0 V .

## Further information

## Action against high-frequency interference

High-frequency interference can be caused by out-of-phase switching operations. If such interference occurs and results in sporadic failure, we recommend taking the following action to suppress interference:

- Provide inductive loads with RC combinations as specified by the manufacturer.
- Route the connecting cable to the level electrode separately from power lines.
- Increase the distance from sources of interference.
- Check the connection of the shield to the central grounding point (CGP) in the control cabinet.
- Suppress HF interference using hinged-shell ferrite rings.


## Interlock and interlock deactivation

In the event of an alarm, the NRS 1-50 level switch interlock does not take place automatically. If the installation requires an interlock, this must be implemented in the external (safety) circuit. It is important that the interlock is not deactivated when the level switch signals a malfunction to the diagnostic LEDs or the signaling outputs.
In order to guarantee Class C function with second fault protection in accordance with UL 60730-1, both signaling outputs must be monitored during interlock deactivation. To conform with ASME CSD-1 two low water level limiters are required. Connection example for Class C protection against second faults, see Fig. 4 on page 22.

## Checking switchpoints

The "Below low water (LW)" switchpoint can only be checked by reducing the water level. The level switch must then trigger an alarm and, after the off delay, it must open the safety circuit. The heating cut-off is interlocked in the (external) safety circuit and this interlock can only be deactivated again when the level electrodes are immersed once more. For this to happen, the Alarm 1 LED must light up and no errors should be indicated (diagnostic LEDs are not lit). Please carry out the switchpoint check when bringing the equipment into service, whenever the level electrodes have been replaced, and at regular intervals, e.g., once a year.

## Taking out of service

## Proceed as follows:

- Switch off the mains supply and switch off the voltage to the equipment.
- Unscrew the fastening screws on the right and left and detach the upper and lower terminal strips Fig. 2 (1) (3).
- Release the white slider holder at the bottom of the unit and detach the unit from the support rail


## Disposal

Dispose of the level switch in accordance with statutory waste disposal regulations.

## UL components

The NRS 1-50 level switch is registered under UL E-File E513189.

## FM Approvals

Certificate Number: FM24US0021

## For your notes

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