

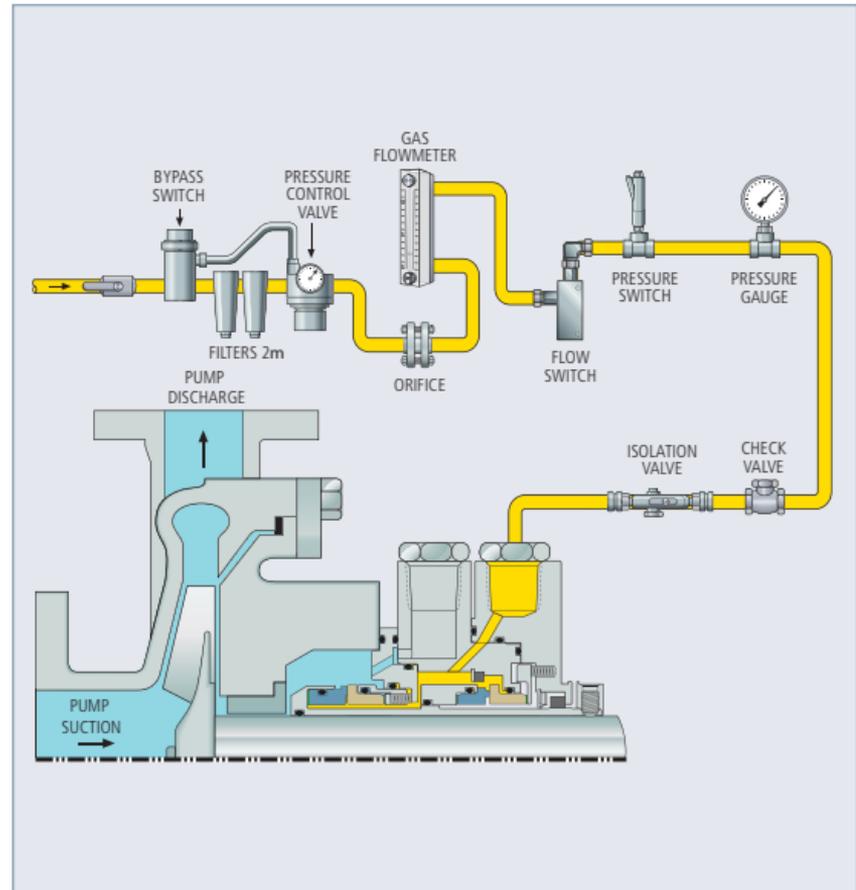
# PLAN 72

## Externally Supplied Buffer Gas

**What** A low-pressure buffer gas is regulated between the primary seal and the containment seal; typically, nitrogen is used as the buffer gas.

**Why** Can reduce emissions, cools the containment seal which is typically dry running and protects against icing in cryogenic services.

**When** Normally used in conjunction with Plan 75 or Plan 76.



## KEY

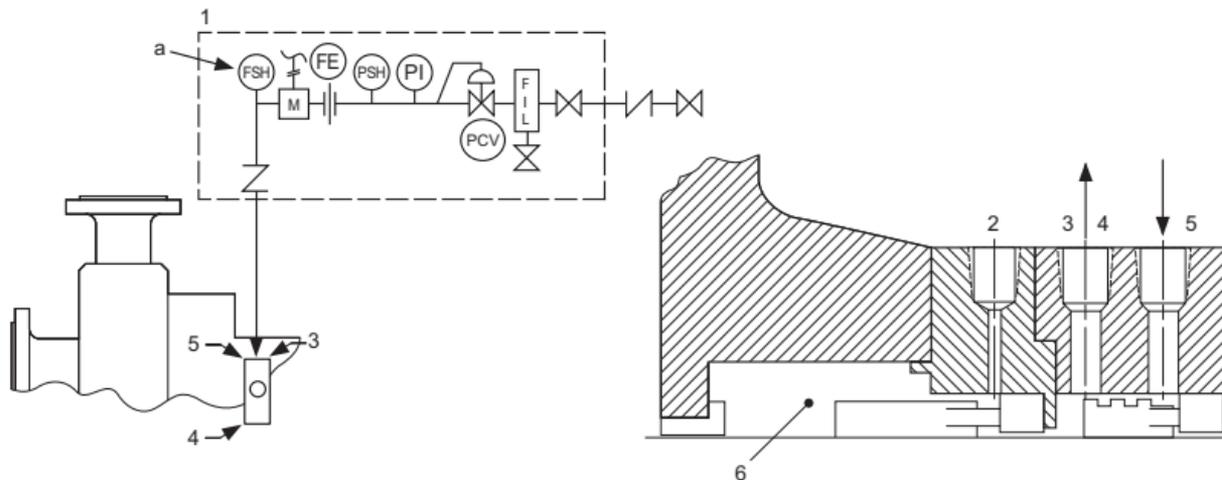
- 1 — Buffer Gas Panel
- 2 — Flush (F)
- 3 — Containment Seal Vent (CSV)
- 4 — Containment Seal Drain (CSD)
- 5 — Gas Buffer Inlet (GBI)
- 6 — Seal Chamber
- FE — Flow Meter (magnetic type shown)
- M — Monitoring

- FIL — Coalescing Filter – Used to ensure solids and/or liquids which might be present in buffer gas do not contaminate seals
- PCV — Pressure Control Valve – Used to limit buffer gas pressure to prevent reverse pressurization of inner seal and/or limit pressure applied to containment seal

- PI — Pressure Indicator
- PCL — Pressure Switch Low (optional, not shown)
- FSH — Flow Switch High

## NOTES

- a — If specified



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