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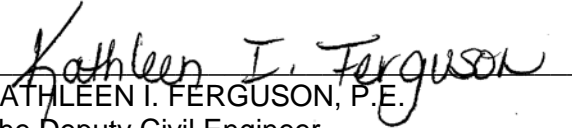
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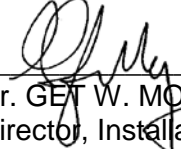
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- Hydrant Color Coding
- Telecommunication Facilities
- Emergency Services Communication Centers
- High Rise Buildings

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- New editions of many references, including NFPA 20.
- Clarify position on use of IBC versus NFPA 5000.
- Requirements of NFPA 50 were moved to NFPA 55.

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## **CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1-1 SCOPE.**

This UFC establishes fire protection engineering policy and criteria for Department of Defense (DOD) components. The provisions of this UFC are applicable to all new and existing DOD facilities located on or outside of DOD installations, whether acquired or leased, by appropriated or non-appropriated funds, or third party financed and constructed. Facilities covered by this document include all types of buildings and their contents, structures, whether considered temporary or permanent, mobile and stationary equipment, waterfront facilities, outside storage, and shore protection for ships and aircraft. Matters relating to fire department operations, staffing, and equipment are not covered by this UFC.

### **1-2 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this UFC is to establish minimum protection requirements for DOD facilities. These criteria are based on commercial requirements set forth by national insurance underwriters and may exceed minimum national code requirements. The requirements in this UFC reflect the need for the protection of life, mission, and property (building or contents) while taking into account the costs of implementing the criterion and risks associated with the facility. These criteria have been established in the best interest of DOD.

#### **1-2.1 Document Development**

This document is intended to be used as a basis for the development of detailed design documents (including scope, basis of design, technical requirements, plans, drawings, specifications, cost estimates, request for proposals, and invitations for bids) used for the procurement of facilities, facility similar equipment, and other shore/land based infrastructure systems. It must be used as a reference document and requirement in the procurement of architectural and engineering services (A&E) and other consulting services to prepare detailed design documents including those for design/build projects. It is not intended to be used in lieu of detailed design documents in the procurement of facility construction.

### **1-3 CRITERIA**

This UFC implements the following public laws:

- a. UNITED STATES CODE  
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>
- b. USC Title 10, Section 1794 Military Child Care

- c. USC Title 15, Section 272 Utilization of Consensus Technical Standards by Federal Agencies
- d. USC Title 15, Section 2225 Hotel-Motel Fire Safety
- e. USC Title 15, Section 2227 Fire Administration Authorization Act (also referred to as the Fire Safety Act)
- f. USC Title 15, Section 2225 Hotel-Motel Fire Safety
- g. \1\ USC Title 49, Section 4151 Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 /1/

USC, Title 15, Section 272, identifies the necessary consensus technical standards required to implement policy objectives and activities within the area of fire protection engineering for the DOD. Compliance with criteria issued in accordance with this UFC does not constitute an exception to the public laws. Fire protection criteria must conform to the requirements of this UFC, the \1\ latest editions of the /1/ National Fire Codes, published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), except as modified by this UFC, and \2\ UFC 1-200-01, General Building Requirements. /2/ Additional criteria include portions of the \1\ latest edition of the FM Global (Property Loss Prevention Data Sheets, /1/ as referenced by this UFC. Buildings required to be accessible must meet the provisions \2\ of Americans with Disabilities Act and Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines, ABA Chapters 1 & 2 and general Chapters 3 through 10. /2/ Note 1: UFC 1-200-01 identifies the base line building code as the International Building Code to be used for all DoD construction. NFPA 5000 Building Construction and Safety Code, State or Local building codes will not be used.

Note 2: Projects that have significant time delays between the award for design and the beginning of construction must be re-evaluated and corrected to comply with any new editions of criteria (including codes and standards) that have been published.

### **1-3.1 Existing Facilities.**

Existing facilities must meet the requirements of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, for existing occupancies.

Facilities that do not meet the requirements of NFPA 101 for existing facilities must be brought up to, at least the minimum requirements for existing facilities. If the facility cannot be brought up to the minimum requirements for existing facilities without initiating a renovation, modernization, or rehabilitation project, that project must meet the requirements for new construction as specified in this UFC.

Any changes in occupancy require the facility to meet the requirements for new construction for the new occupancy as specified in this UFC.

### **1-3.2 Application/Types of Work Efforts.**

This UFC applies to all work necessary to build, maintain, or change DoD facilities/structures/systems. The services and agencies within DoD use various terms to classify these work efforts.

#### **1-3.2.1 Construction.**

Construction projects provide new facilities/structures/systems and must comply with the criteria in this UFC. Additions to existing buildings must comply with the criteria for new buildings. \2\ Additions greater than 50% of the existing building's gross floor area shall require the existing building comply with the criteria for new buildings, to the maximum extent possible. Multiple additions which cumulatively increase the original building footprint by more than 50% shall require the existing building to comply with the criteria for new buildings, to the maximum extent possible. /2/

#### **1-3.2.2 Modernization/Major Investments.**

Buildings that have alteration, modernization, modification, rehabilitation, and renovation costs equal to or exceeding 50% of the replacement cost of the building, must bring the entire building into compliance with new construction requirements. \2\ Phased projects shall be considered based on the cumulative total costs of all phases. The 50% cost value is exclusive of the costs to bring the building into full compliance. /2/

Facilities in which alteration, modernization, rehabilitation, and renovation work is less than 50% of the replacement value of the building, the building must comply with the criteria in this UFC for new construction, to the maximum extent practical. All new work accomplished as part of alteration, modernization, modification, rehabilitation, and renovation actions/projects must meet the requirements for new construction.

#### **1-3.2.3 Sustainment and Restoration.**

New work accomplished in facilities as part of repair, restoration, and sustainment actions/projects must meet the requirements for new construction in this UFC.

Note: Sustainment and restoration efforts should look beyond the scope of work to ensure that the fire protection (including life safety) features are not being compromised or designed only for the portion of the building that is being repaired. The repair project, if possible, should include a basis to support the entire building, i.e., if considering providing a fire alarm extender panel to the existing antiquated fire alarm control panel, ensure the panel being provided has the capability to support the entire building so any additional projects can utilize the new panel without having to remove what was just installed.

### **1-3.2.4 Conversion of Use/Change of Occupancy.**

When any portion of an uninhabited building is modified from its current use to that of an inhabited building, billeting, or a primary gathering building, as defined by UFC 4-010-01, DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standards for Buildings, for one year or more, the building must meet the requirements for new construction.

Note: Examples would include a warehouse (uninhabited) being converted to administrative (inhabited) use; an inhabited administrative building being converted to a primary gathering building or billeting; or a non-compliant primary gathering building/billeting being altered, modernized, modified, rehabilitated, or renovated and converted to billeting/primary gathering building. Definitions of inhabited, uninhabited, primary gather building and billeting are found in UFC 4-010-01.

**1-3.2.4.1** When any portion of a building is modified from its current use to that of a mission essential building for one year or more, the building must meet the requirements for new construction.

Note: Examples would include a warehouse being converted to an aircraft hangar.

**1-3.2.4.1** When any portion of a building is modified from its current use to any other occupancy use for two years or more, the building must meet the requirements for new construction. Changing groups of occupants within the occupancy classification does not constitute an occupancy change.

Note: An example of modifying from one occupancy to another would include an office building converted to mercantile. An example of changing groups of occupants would include an installation personnel function occupying the office space formally used by an installation contracting function.

### **1-3.3 Absence of Criteria**

When a specific application is not covered by the criteria cited in this UFC, follow national building codes, recognized industry standards, and standard engineering practices. In the absence of such technical information, contact the DOD component authority having jurisdiction (refer to the paragraph entitled "Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)").

### **1-3.4 Performance-Based Fire Safety Design.**

It is permissible that performance-based fire safety design methods be applied to the renovation, restoration, remodeling or modernization of existing facilities to address the evaluation of a subsystem, system, or complete building when it is not possible to meet the provided prescriptive requirements for new construction. New facilities for which established prescriptive criteria exist, must not be permitted to use performance-based fire and life safety design methods. The

use of performance-based fire safety design methods must only be permitted upon authorization by the DOD component authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) for new mission critical or unique facilities, where the user mandates requirements and objectives that are not addressed by established prescriptive requirements of national codes or this UFC. Performance-based fire safety design methods must not be used to eliminate required exiting requirements of NFPA 101, nor must it be used to eliminate automatic sprinkler systems required by DOD criteria.

#### **1-3.4.1 Application and Use of Performance-Based Fire Safety Design Methods.**

If performance-based fire safety design is used or permitted by the DOD component AHJ, Appendix D describes the provisions and applicable requirements associated with the fire safety design of DOD facilities. Appendix D is in accordance with the performance-based option of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, and the performance-based fire safety design approach of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), Introduction to Performance-Based Fire Safety. A fire protection engineer that meets the requirements of the paragraph entitled, "Fire Protection During Construction" below must perform the performance-based fire safety design.

#### **1-3.5 Conflicts in Criteria.**

If a conflict exists between this UFC and any other DOD document, referenced code, standard, or publication, this UFC must take precedence. The individual DOD components may issue specific technical guidance that expands the requirements of this UFC. The Army and Air Force issue engineering technical letters (ETLs); the Navy issues interim technical guidance (ITG); and the DLA issues technical policies.

For Army, see <http://www.hnd.usace.army.mil/techinfo/engpubs.htm>.

For Air Force, see [www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CES/Mechanical/FireEngr/default.htm](http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CES/Mechanical/FireEngr/default.htm).

For Navy, see <http://dod.wbdg.org/>.

#### **1-3.6 Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).**

The term "AHJ" as used in the codes and standards referenced in this UFC must mean the component office of responsibility, i.e., U.S. Army, HQ USACE/CECW-CE; U.S. Navy, NAVFACENCOM HQ Code CHE; U.S. Marine Corps, HQMC Code LFF-1; U.S. Air Force, \2\ HQ AFCEC/CO; Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), DS-IE; National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Security and Installations; National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), MS&O/ESO; Washington Headquarters Services (WHS), OPFM; National Security Agency/Central Security Service, Office of Occupational Health, Environmental and Safety



Services (NSA/CSS OHES); /2/ and all other DOD components, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations via the DOD Fire Protection Engineering Working Group.

**1-3.7 Equivalencies.**

Equivalencies to established criteria may be approved by the AHJ, if the alternate fire protection engineering design provides an equivalent level of fire protection and life safety. Requests for approval must include written justification, hazard analysis, cost comparisons, criteria used, and other pertinent data. Lack of funds is not considered sufficient justification for deviation from established criteria. Approved equivalencies and alternatives must only apply to the specific facility involved and do not constitute blanket approval for similar cases.

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**1-3.8 Exemptions.**

Exemptions to established criteria must be submitted to the AHJ for determination. The exemption must demonstrate that the criteria cannot be technically executed, or execution of the criteria will increase a hazard or create a new hazard and no technical alternatives exist. Written request for exemptions must include justification, hazards analysis, cost comparison, alternatives considered, and other pertinent data. Lack of funds or cost savings are not considered sufficient justification for deviation from established criteria. Exemptions must only apply to the specific facility or project involved and do not constitute blanket approval for similar cases. Exemptions must follow the process outlined in [MIL-STD-3007](#), Standard Practice for Unified Facilities Criteria and Unified Facilities Guide Specifications.

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**1-3.9 Antiterrorism Standards.**

Design the facility to comply with UFC 4-010-01, DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standards for Buildings and UFC 4-020-01, DoD Security Engineering Facilities Planning Manual. Antiterrorism requirements must not preclude any fire protection requirements.

**1-4 DESIGN ANALYSIS.**

A fire protection design analysis is required for all designs and must address the fire protection requirements of the project as required by this UFC. Summarize the fire protection design analysis and submit with the first design submission separate from other disciplines. Where applicable, discuss the following minimum fire protection provisions (include required vs. provided):

- a. Building code analysis (i.e., type of construction, height and area limitations, and building separation or exposure protection)
- b. Classification of occupancy,
- c. Compliance with this document and National Fire Codes,
- d. Requirements for fire-rated walls, fire-rated doors, fire dampers with their fire-resistive ratings, smoke compartmentation, smoke barriers
- e. NFPA 101, Life Safety Code
- f. Analysis of automatic sprinkler systems and suppression systems and protected areas, including hydraulic analysis of required water demand,
- g. Water supplies, water distribution, location of fire hydrants,
- h. Smoke control methods and smoke control systems,
- i. Fire alarm system (the type of alarm system and location of the fire alarm equipment),
- j. Fire detection system (the type of detection system and location of detectors),
- k. Standpipe systems and fire extinguishers,
- l. Interior finish ratings,
- m. Connection to and description of base fire alarm reporting system.
- n. Identify the various occupancies and hazardous areas associated with the facility,
- o. Coordination with security and antiterrorism requirements,
- p. Fire Department access.

Note: When directed by the cognizant fire protection engineer (FPE), projects with little or no fire protection considerations may not require a fire protection design analysis.

**1-4.1            100% Design Submission.**

The project FPE must review the 100% design submission of plans and specifications and certify in writing that the design is in compliance with this UFC and all applicable criteria. This certification letter must be submitted with the 100% submission.

**1-5 SERVICES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERS.**

Major projects require the design services and review of a qualified fire protection engineer. Projects involving design or modification of, fire rated construction, fire detection, fire suppression, or life safety systems require the services and review of a qualified fire protection engineer. A qualified fire protection engineer is an integral part of the design team, and must be involved in every aspect of the design as it relates to fire protection. This includes, but is not limited to, building code analysis, life safety code analysis, design of automatic detection and suppression systems, water supply analysis, and a multi-discipline review of the entire project. For the purposes of meeting this requirement, a qualified fire protection engineer is defined as an individual meeting one of the following conditions:

- A registered professional engineer (P.E.) who has passed the fire protection engineering written examination administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveys (NCEES).
- A registered P.E. in a related engineering discipline with a minimum of 5 years of experience, dedicated to fire protection engineering that can be verified with documentation.

Exception: For Navy, \1\ DLA, and NRO /1/, a qualified fire protection engineer is defined as a registered professional engineer (P.E.) who has passed the fire protection engineering written examination administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveys (NCEES).

**1-6 FIRE PROTECTION DURING CONSTRUCTION.**

Contract specifications must reference the Army Corps of Engineering Manual (EM), EM-385-1-1, Safety and Health Requirements Manual, and NFPA 241, Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations, and must contain the requirement that the activity's fire regulations be followed.

Note: For Navy projects, Unified Facilities Guide Specification (UFGS) \1\ 01 35 26 Governmental Safety Requirements /1/, must be used.

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**1-7 RANGES AND REMOTE LOCATIONS.**

Facilities on ranges and other remote locations shall comply with NFPA 1141, Standard for Fire Protection Infrastructure for Land Development in Wildland, Rural, and Suburban Areas and NFPA 1144, Standard for Reducing Structural

Ignition Hazards from Wildland Fire, in addition to (or in lieu of, where appropriate) the requirements of Chapters 2 through 6.

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## **CHAPTER 2 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

### **2-1 BASIC CRITERIA.**

Conform building construction to fire resistance requirements, allowable floor area, building height limitations, and building separation distance requirements of the IBC, except as modified by this UFC. \1\ Occupancy definitions in the IBC shall be used to determine the fire resistance requirements, allowable floor area, building height limitations, and building separation distance requirements. /1/

#### **2-1.1 Egress and Safety to Life.**

Comply with NFPA 101 for building construction related to egress and safety to life. For conflicts between the IBC and NFPA 101 related to fire resistance rating, conform to NFPA 101 and applicable criteria contained in this UFC. \1\ Occupancy definitions in NFPA 101 shall be used to determine the means of egress requirements. /1/ Appendix E provides a cross reference between the construction types referenced in NFPA 220, Types of Building Construction and the IBC.

#### **2-1.2 Partitions.**

The IBC fire resistance requirements for permanent partitions do not apply to non-bearing partitions. For fire resistance ratings of non-bearing partitions, comply with NFPA 101. Occupancy separation must comply with the “Required Separation of Occupancies” table in the IBC.

#### **2-1.3 Type of Construction.**

Follow the requirements of the IBC to determine the permitted types of construction.

Exception: Type V (wood) roofs may be constructed on buildings of Type I or II construction, provided that they are separated from all other areas of the building by horizontal 2-hour concrete or masonry fire resistive construction. These roofs will not require sprinkler protection but will require draft stops to divide the spaces into areas not exceeding 3,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (280 m<sup>2</sup>). Provide self-closing and latching access doors of similar construction in the draft stop where there is no other means of access to the area.

#### **2-1.4 Separation Between Buildings.**

Use the IBC to determine required separation distances between buildings except as modified by this UFC.

##### **2-1.4.1 Manufactured Homes.**

Separate house trailers in accordance with NFPA 501A, Fire Safety Criteria for Manufactured Home Installations, Sites, and Communities.

**2-1.5 Relocatables.**

Relocatable facilities must have the same fire protection, construction and separation requirements as non-relocatable facilities.

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Provide a minimum separation of 50 ft (15.3 m) between groups of extra hazard occupancy, and 15 ft (4.6 m) for all other groups.

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**2-1.6 Spray-Applied Fireproofing.**

Provide UL Listed floor/ceiling and UL Listed roof/ceiling assemblies that provide the proper fire rating, but does not require the underside of the roof or floor deck to have spray-applied fireproofing applied. The assembly shall be designed so only columns, beams, and trusses shall receive spray-applied fireproofing to achieve the rating for the assembly.

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**2-2 FIRE AREAS.**

Conform to the IBC, except as modified by this UFC. Exceptions for specific occupancies are listed in Chapter 6 of this UFC.

**2-2.1 Relocatable Facilities – Light Hazard**

Do not group mission critical relocatable facilities such as electronic equipment vans to form areas greater than 6,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (557 m<sup>2</sup>) for unsprinklered facilities and 12,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (1115 m<sup>2</sup>) for sprinklered facilities.

**2-2.2 Relocatable Facilities – Extra Hazard**

Do not group relocatable facilities having extra hazard occupancies as defined by NFPA 13, Installation of Sprinkler Systems, to form areas greater than 4,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (372 m<sup>2</sup>) for unsprinklered facilities and 8,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (743 m<sup>2</sup>) for sprinklered facilities.

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**2-2.3 Fire Rated Walls.**

Identify all fire rated walls that have a fire rating of 2-hours or greater by labeling the wall with the following; "Fire Wall – Do Not Penetrate".

- Apply labeling using florescent red or orange paint and stencils.
- Letters must be a minimum of 4-inches (100 mm) in height.
- Paint a continuous solid florescent red or orange stripe the length of the wall. The stripe shall be 24-inches (610 mm) wide.
- For aesthetic reasons, this requirement does not apply to walls inside stairwells or public areas such as offices, lobbies, or corridors that do not have drop ceilings.
- In areas with drop or finished ceilings, label the wall above the drop or finished ceiling.
- In mechanical, electrical and other similar rooms, paint "Fire Wall – Do Not Penetrate" 8 feet (2.4 m) above the finished floor level.
- Space labeling at a maximum of 10 foot (3.0 m) intervals.
- In rooms with raised flooring, paint labeling on fire walls below the level of the raised floor with label spacing reduced to 5 foot (1.5 m) intervals. Also, paint a continuous solid florescent red or orange stripe the length of the wall. The stripe shall be 12-inches (305 mm) wide, or the depth of the floor, whichever is less.
- Metal, plastic or paper decal signs are not acceptable.
- Take care when applying paint to prevent over-spray onto adjacent finishes.

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## **2-3 BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITATIONS.**

Conform to the IBC, except as modified by this UFC.

## **2-4 LIMITING INTERIOR FIRE SPREAD**

### **2-4.1 Door Openings.**

Door openings, in fire resistive construction, must be protected in accordance with \2\ NFPA 80, Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives /2/. Fire door assemblies are required on each side of the door opening in 4-hour fire walls when openings are fitted with 3-hour rolling or sliding fire doors. Use fire doors listed by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), FM, or a nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL). Do not modify approved fire doors in the field. Local fabrication of fire doors is not permitted.



## **2-4.2 Penetrations.**

The protection of ducts at point of passage through firewalls must be in accordance with NFPA 90A, Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems, and/or NFPA 90B, Installation of Warm Air Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems. All other penetrations, such as piping, conduit, and wiring, through firewalls must be protected with a material or system of the same hourly rating that is listed by UL, FM, or a NRTL.

## **2-5 MEANS OF EGRESS**

\1\ Occupancy definitions in NFPA 101 shall be used to determine the means of egress requirements. /1/

### **2-5.1 Requirements.**

Comply with the requirements of NFPA 101, except as modified by this UFC.

### **2-5.2 Means of Egress Marking.**

Mark means of egress in accordance with NFPA 101. \1\ /1/ Internally illuminated signs must be light emitting diode (LED) type, electroluminescence (LEC), or cold cathode type. Incandescent fixtures are not permitted except existing fixtures, which may remain in use.

\2\ NOTE: Use of the graphic emergency exit symbols with and without directional arrows (NFPA 170 or host nation equivalents) in lieu of the text "EXIT" are permitted. /2/

Exception: In overseas locations; additional markings may be required to remain consistent with local national standards; colors may be consistent with local national standards, and bilingual signs are permitted.

#### **2-5.2.1 Radioluminous Exit Signs.**

Radioluminous exit signs in DOD facilities are not permitted.

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#### **2-5.2.2 Photoluminescent Exit Signs and Markings.**

Photoluminescent exit signs and egress path \2\ markings are permitted /2/ where provided with a reliable external illumination (charging) source providing a minimum illumination of 5 foot-candles (54 lux) of unfiltered fluorescent light.

Note: External illumination source must be energized at all times during building occupancy. Such lighting must not be controlled by automatic timers, automatic sensors including area occupancy sensors, or accessible manual switches. Controls for such lighting must be accessible only to authorized personnel. /2/

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### **2-5.3 Maximum occupant load**

The maximum occupant load for any space or facility shall not exceed one person per 7 square feet (0.65m<sup>2</sup>) of net floor space or the maximum capacity of the required egress components whichever is less.

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## **2-6 INTERIOR FINISH**

### **2-6.1 Interior Wall and Ceiling Finish.**

Wall and ceiling finishes, and movable partitions must conform to the requirements of NFPA 101 for interior finishes.

#### **2-6.1.1 Drop-out ceilings (foam-grid panels) are not permitted.**

### **2-6.2 Interior Floor Finish.**

Conform to the requirements of NFPA 101.

## **2-7 INSULATION**

### **2-7.1 Requirements.**

Use thermal and acoustical insulation with a flame spread (FS) rating not higher than 75, and a smoke developed (SD) rating not higher than 150 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84 (NFPA 255), Standard Method of Test of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials. Test cellular plastic insulation in the same densities and thicknesses as the material that will be used in construction applications.

### **2-7.2 Exceptions to Insulation Criteria.**

For certain types of insulation installation, the exceptions described in paragraphs directly below will apply; see “Flame Spread – No Smoke Developed Rating Limitation” and “No Flame Spread or Smoke Limitation”.

#### **2-7.2.1 Flame Spread - No Smoke Developed Rating Limitation.**

Compliance with the SD rating limitation is not required, and a FS rating up to 100 is permitted for insulation, including insulating sheathing installed within wall assemblies. In such installations, conform the interior finish materials to the paragraph entitled “Interior Finish” with a minimum fire-resistance rating of 15 minutes when tested in accordance with ASTM E 119, Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials.

### **2-7.2.2 No Flame Spread or Smoke Limitation.**

Compliance with FS and SD limitations are not required for the following applications:

- Insulation installed above poured concrete or poured gypsum roof decks, nominal 2-inch (50.8 mm) thick tongue-and-groove wood plank roof decks, or precast roof deck panels or planks that are approved by a NRTL, as noncombustible roof deck construction.
- Insulation installed above roof decks where the entire roof construction assembly, including the insulation, is UL listed as Fire Classified, or FM approved for Class I roof deck construction or equal listing or classification by a NRTL.
- Insulation contained entirely within panels where the entire panel assembly used in the construction application meets the cited FS and SD limitations.
- Insulation isolated from the interior of the building by masonry walls, masonry cavity walls, insulation encased in masonry cores, or concrete floors.
- Insulation installed over concrete floor slabs and completely covered by wood tongue-and-groove flooring without creating air spaces within the flooring system.
- Insulation completely enclosed in hollow metal doors.
- Insulation installed between new exterior siding materials and existing exterior siding or wood board, plywood, fiberboard, or gypsum exterior wall sheathing.

Note: The exception to SD limitations described in this paragraph is not applicable to hospitals and correctional facilities.

## **2-8 ROOF COVERINGS AND ROOF DECK ASSEMBLIES**

### **2-8.1 Roof Coverings.**

Use roof coverings approved and listed by a NRTL. The UL Roofing Materials and Systems Directory lists three Classes (A, B, and C) of acceptable roof coverings based on compliance with \2\ UL 790, Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Roof Coverings /2/ and NFPA 256, Fire Tests of Roof Coverings. Restrict Class C roof coverings to housing and buildings under 8,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (744 m<sup>2</sup>) and that are not mission essential.

### **2-8.2 Roof Deck Assemblies.**

Roof deck assemblies must be FM Class I approved, or UL listed as Fire Classified or equal listing or classification by an NRTL.

- Exception 1: Fully sprinklered buildings.
- Exception 2: Buildings less than 8,000 ft<sup>2</sup>744 m<sup>2</sup> (744 m<sup>2</sup>).

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## **2-9 FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF ACCESS.**

Fire Department roof access shall be in accordance with the IBC.

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## **2-10 FIRE DEPARTMENT (EMERGENCY) VEHICLE ACCESS.**

### **2-10.1 All-Weather Ground Access.**

All buildings greater than 5,000 sq ft (465 m), or more than two stories in height must have at least one means of all-weather ground access to allow emergency vehicles unimpeded access to the building. All-weather ground access must be paved, start from the road, and terminate no farther than 33 ft (10 m) from the building.

Exception: An engineered all-weather surface that is not paved may be provided if approved by the AHJ.

#### **2-10.1.1 Access to Residential Facilities.**

Residential facilities must be provided with all-weather ground access to 3 sides, with a minimum of 2 sides having access to sleeping rooms.

#### **2-10.2 Vehicle Access.**

All force protection equipment, such as bollards or gates, must not require more than one person to remove or open. Access may require fire apparatus to drive over a curb. Any locking device controlling vehicle access must be under control of the Fire Department or 24-hour security personnel located at the specific facility. Dimensions of fire lanes and turnarounds must comply with NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code.

#### **2-10.3 Aerial Apparatus Access.**

New facilities four stories or more in height and all new warehouses must be provided with suitable all-weather ground access surface for aerial apparatus on a minimum of two sides of the perimeter of the structure.

#### **2-10.4 Fire Department Connection.**

Facilities with fire department connections for sprinkler or standpipe systems must be provided with suitable all-weather ground access surface for pumper apparatus within 150 ft (45 m) of such fire department connections.

**2-11 AIR HANDLING**

**2-11.1 Design Requirements**

2\ Mechanical fire protection features for air /2/ handling, heating, ventilation, and exhaust systems must comply with the requirements of NFPA 90A, except as modified by this UFC.

**2-11.2 Corridors.**

Egress corridors must not be used as a portion of a supply, return, or exhaust air system serving adjoining areas. 2\ Corridor space above the ceiling may be used as a plenum as permitted in the IBC/IMC. /2/

Exception: Toilet rooms, bathrooms, shower rooms, sink closets, and similar auxiliary spaces may have air transfer openings, unless prohibited by NFPA 101, such as in residential occupancies.

**2-11.3 Plenums.**

Plenums may be used as an integral part of an air handling system only if they conform to the requirements of NFPA 90A. Under no circumstances may combustible materials be located within the plenum space. Electrical wiring passing through the space, including telephone and communication wiring, must be plenum rated or must be in metal conduit. Rooms or areas that form a plenum space or that are used as a plenum must not be occupied for any purpose except during repairs or maintenance operations to the air handling equipment.

**2-11.4 Smoke and Heat Vents.**

Smoke and heat vents may be considered in buildings where a high rate of heat release is anticipated during a fire. In buildings without automatic sprinklers, smoke and heat vents must be arranged to operate automatically in accordance with NFPA 204, Smoke and Heat Venting. In buildings with automatic sprinkler protection, smoke and heat vents must be arranged to operate in the manual mode only. Skylights are the preferred method of providing manual smoke and heat vents.

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**2-11.5 Fire and Smoke Dampers.**

All damper locations shall be provided with access doors in finished ceilings that do not have removable panels within 1 foot (305 mm) of the damper location. Size the access door to allow physical access to the duct.

Provide dampers that close against the maximum calculated airflow of that portion of the air duct system in which they are installed as required by NFPA 90A.Duct Penetrations. Protect duct through-penetrations of fire rated partitions having a fire resistive rating of less than 2 hours with fire stop systems listed/approved for the particular opening size and duct assembly. If a listed/approved firestop system is not available for the particular assembly, protect the opening with a fire damper.

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## **2-12 PLASTIC PIPE AND CONDUIT**

### **2-12.1 Penetrations.**

Penetrations by plastic pipe or conduit through fire-rated walls, partitions, shafts, and floors must be fire-stopped by an approved or listed method in accordance with ASTM E 814, Standard Test Method for Fire Tests of Through-Penetration Fire Stops or UL 1479, Fire Tests of Through-Penetration Firestops.

### **2-12.2 Prohibited Locations.**

Plastic pipe and conduit must not be installed in exit stair enclosures, or in air plenum spaces unless specifically listed for that application.

## **2-13 FIRE RETARDANT TREATED (FRT) PLYWOOD**

### **2-13.1 New Construction.**

Use of FRT plywood is prohibited, except as permitted by the IBC. FRT plywood must not be used in any part of the roof or roofing system.

### **2-13.2 Existing Construction.**

FRT plywood installations should be regularly inspected for structural integrity. Replacement of damaged FRT plywood may require additional fire protection measures if FRT plywood is replaced with more combustible materials.

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## CHAPTER 3 WATER SUPPLY FOR FIRE PROTECTION

### 3-1 WATER DEMANDS FOR SPRINKLERED FACILITIES

#### 3-1.1 Factors Influencing the Water Demand for Sprinklers.

The water demand required for sprinkler protection depends upon occupancy, discharge density, design area, and type of sprinkler system (wet or dry), type of construction, and other building features.

#### 3-1.2 Water Demand for Sprinklers.

The water demand required for sprinklers must be determined from \3\ the paragraph entitled, "Sprinkler Density and Hose Stream Requirements" /3/.

##### 3-1.2.1 Design Densities.

Design densities indicated in \3\ the paragraph entitled, "Sprinkler Density and Hose Stream Requirements" /3/ are minimum densities, and each sprinkler in the design area must discharge at least the flow rate required to produce the stipulated density.

##### 3-1.2.2 Design Area.

Design areas shown in\3\ the paragraph entitled, "Sprinkler Density and Hose Stream Requirements" /3/ are the hydraulically most remote areas.

#### 3-1.3 Water Demand for Hose Streams.

Hose streams are needed concurrently with sprinkler discharge in order to effect final extinguishment or to wet down adjacent structures. The hose stream demand for sprinklered occupancies must be determined from \3\ the paragraph entitled, "Sprinkler Density and Hose Stream Requirements" /3/.

#### 3-1.4 Total Water Demand for Sprinklered Occupancies.

The total water demand for sprinklered occupancies is equal to the sum of the domestic/industrial demand plus the sprinkler system(s) water demand and the hose stream(s) demand. The total demand must be available at the sprinkler system connection to the underground main, and at the pressure necessary to produce the required sprinkler density over the required hydraulically most remote area of sprinkler operation.

#### 3-1.5 Water Demand for Sprinklers (Special Facilities).

Special requirements apply to some facilities, as indicated in the subparagraphs immediately below.



**3-1.5.1 Family Housing.**

Water demand for family housing must be the sprinkler water demand plus domestic demand and 250 gpm (950 L/m) for hose streams.

**3-1.5.2 Warehouses (Piled or Rack Storage).**

Water demands for warehouses containing rack storage or piled storage must comply with the paragraph entitled "Warehouses and Storage Facilities".

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**3-1.5.3 Aircraft Hangars.**

Water demands for aircraft hangars must comply with the paragraph entitled "Aircraft Facilities".

**3-1.5.4 Aircraft Acoustical Enclosures.**

Water demands for these facilities must comply with the paragraph entitled "Aircraft Acoustical Enclosures".

**3-1.5.5 Ordnance Facilities.**

Water demands for ordnance facilities must comply with the paragraph entitled "Ordnance".

**3-1.5.6 Flammable and Combustible Liquid Storage.**

Water demands for flammable and combustible liquid storage facilities must conform to the paragraph entitled "Storage of Flammable and Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste".

**3-2 WATER DEMANDS FOR UNSPRINKLERED FACILITIES.**

Water demands for buildings and facilities that are not fully sprinklered are based on fire department hose stream requirements.

**3-2.1 Hose Stream Demands for Unsprinklered Facilities.**

Hose stream demands and duration requirements for facilities that are not fully sprinklered are outlined in Appendix C. The following factors affect the water demand and duration and must be considered to determine the specific demand and duration within a given range in accordance with Appendix C:

- Occupancy classification,
- Response time by fire department,
- Type of construction,

- Number of stories,
- Separation distances,
- Building floor area, and
- Firefighting access.

**3-2.1.1 Procedure.**

The procedure for determining specific fire flow demands and duration within a range is provided in Appendix C. This procedure must be followed to determine the minimum requirements for facilities that are not fully sprinklered.

**3-2.1.2 High Demands.**

When the required fire flow demand exceeds 2,000 gpm (7,570 L/m), a cost and benefit analysis must be conducted to determine if additional fire protection systems, features, or design changes that provide more favorable factors, such as type of construction or sprinkler protection, are more cost effective than providing the required fire flow.

**3-2.2 Hose Stream Demand for Unsprinklered Special Facilities.**

Special requirements may apply to certain facilities. Such facilities include ship berthing and drydock facilities, family housing, petroleum oil lubricant (POL) areas, aircraft parking and refueling areas, and vehicle and yard storage. See below.

**3-2.2.1 Ship Berthing and Drydock Facilities.**

Refer to the paragraph entitled “Waterfront Facilities” for water demand requirements for ship berthing and drydock facilities.

**3-2.2.2 Family Housing.**

The water demand for unsprinklered family housing must be as follows:

- One-story - 500 gpm (1,900 L/min) for 90 minutes.
- Two-story - 750 gpm (2,840 L/min) for 90 minutes.
- Three-story and above - 1,000 gpm (3,785 L/min) for 90 minutes.

**3-2.2.3 Petroleum Oil Lubricant (POL) Areas.**

POL areas must conform to the following:

- Aboveground Atmospheric POL Tanks. Table 3-1 provides fire flow rates for non-pressurized POL tanks.

- Aboveground Pressurized POL Tanks. Table 3-2 provides fire flow rates for pressurized POL tanks.

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- Underground Atmospheric Tanks. 500 gpm (1900 L/min) for 240 minutes.
- Underground Pressurized Tanks. 250 gpm (950 L/min) for 240 minutes.

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**Table 3-1 Atmospheric POL Tank Cooling Water**

TANK DIAMETER		FIRE FLOW RATE	
FEET	METERS	GPM	L/MIN
0 - 64	0-19	500	1900
65 - 119	20 - 35	750	2840
120 - 154	36 - 46	1,000	3,785
155 - 199	47 - 61	1,250	4,740
200 or greater	61 or greater	1,500	5,680
Minimum duration: 240 minutes.			
Note: Provide an additional 500 gpm (1,900 L/min) for each exposed tank, pressure vessel or handling facility within 50 ft (15.3 m) or one tank diameter, whichever is greater, of the largest tank under consideration. The maximum water supply for storage tanks must not exceed 2,500 gpm (9,465 L/m).			

**Table 3-2 Pressurized POL Tank Cooling Water**

TANK GROUP SIZE	FIRE FLOW RATE GPM (L/MIN)
Single tank less than 30,000 gallon (113,550 L) capacity.	250 (950)
Single tank more than 30,000 gallon (113,550 L) capacity.	500 (1900)
2 to 6 tanks, one or more tanks greater than 30,000 gallon (113,550 L) capacity.	500 (1900)
2 to 6 tanks, each greater than 30,000 gallon (113,550 L) capacity.	1,000 (3795)
7 or more tanks, each tank less than 30,000 gallon (113,550 L) capacity.	1,000 (3785)
7 or more tanks, one or more tanks greater than 30,000 gallon (113,550 L) capacity.	1,500 (5680)
Minimum duration: 240 minutes	

**3-2.3 Aircraft Parking and Refueling Facilities.**

A minimum fire flow rate of 1,000 gpm (3,785 L/min) for a 2-hour duration is to be provided for all such facilities.

**3-2.4 Yard and Outdoor Storage.**

Yard and outdoor storage must be protected in accordance with NFPA 80A, Protection of Buildings from Exterior Fire Exposures, NFPA 13, and FM Global Data Sheet 1-20, Protection Against Exterior Fire Exposure. Aisle widths and separation distances must be maintained to limit the exposure to nearby buildings and to facilitate manual fire fighting operations.

**3-2.5 Vehicle Parking Areas.**

A minimum fire flow rate of 500 gpm (1900 L/m) for a 2-hour duration must be provided for all such facilities.

**3-3 WATER SUPPLY PRESSURE REQUIREMENTS**

**3-3.1 Pressure Required.**

Pressure required for sprinklered facilities must be the most demanding pressure of the domestic/industrial demand, sprinkler demand, or hose stream demand and must be determined by hydraulic calculations.

**3-4 QUANTITIES OF WATER REQUIRED.**

Requirements for fire protection water storage are based on the assumption that there will be only one fire at a time. The quantity of water required is equal to the product of the fire protection water demand and the required duration. This quantity represents fire protection requirements only, and must be available at all times. Water supply for domestic, industrial, and other demands must be added to these requirements to determine the total amount of water that is necessary at a facility.

**3-4.1 Total Storage Capacity.**

The total supply stored for fire protection purposes must be sufficient to meet the maximum required fire flow demand \2\ or 150% of the pump's rated capacity, whichever is greater, /2/ for the durations specified in this UFC.

**3-4.2 Reduction in Storage Capacity.**

In computing the fire protection storage requirement, a reduction in storage capacity is acceptable if an adequate replenishment source is available. Factors that must be evaluated include the reliability of the makeup facility, its sustained flow capacity, its method of operation (automatic or manual), and flow limitations imposed by the capacity of treatment operations. These factors and calculations must be reviewed and approved by the cognizant Fire Protection Engineer.

**3-4.3 Replenishment of Storage.**

The water storage must be self-replenishing. It must reach required volume during normal consumption within 48 hours, and within 24 hours curtailing normal consumption.

**3-5 WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION.**

One or more of the following reliable means shall provide \2\ fire protection water to an installation: /2/

- Multiple connections to looped or gridded public water distribution system(s) arranged so that during any single-point failure, at least 50% of the maximum required fire flow demand plus 100% of domestic demand can still be supplied to the activity / facility.

- A single connection to a public water distribution system, plus on-site storage that is adequate to supply domestic demand for 24 hours plus the maximum required fire flow demand in the event the connection to the public system is lost.
- One or more on-site sources, such as wells or open bodies of water, with treated water storage capacity adequate to supply domestic demand for 24 hours plus the maximum required fire flow demand.
- For a small, non-mission-essential activity, such as a reserve training center, a single connection to a looped or gridded public water distribution system, capable of providing concurrent domestic and fire flow demands to the facility, is acceptable.

### **3-5.1 On-Site Storage.**

Where on-site storage \2\ for an installation or facility /2/ is part of a sole-source water supply, or is needed to provide the required fire flow, the storage facilities must be divided into two or more approximately equal capacity tanks or reservoir sections, arranged so that at least one-half of the water supply will always be available during tank or reservoir maintenance. The discharge or suction line(s) from each individual tank or reservoir section shall be sized to deliver the maximum required fire flow.

Exception: Existing water storage facilities deemed reliable by the AHJ may be acceptable.

### **3-5.2 Monitoring**

Water level must be remotely monitored in accordance with NFPA 22 and NFPA 72 at a constantly attended location, preferably at the installation's fire and security dispatch center. In locales subject to freezing, water temperature of above-ground storage tanks must likewise be monitored at a constantly-attended location.

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### **3-5.3 Rural, Remote, Range, and Wildland Locations.**

Fire protection water supplies supporting rural, remote, range, or wildland facility locations without water distribution systems shall be in accordance with NFPA 1142 Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting.

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## **3-6 FIRE PUMPS.**

### **3-6.1 Requirements.**

Pumps for fire protection must have adequate capacity with reliable power and water supply. This equipment must conform to requirements of NFPA 20, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection. Fire pumps, drivers, and other equipment including automatic accessories must be listed by UL, approved by FM, or listed or classified by an NRTL.

**3-6-1.1** Fire pumps must be located in a detached, noncombustible pump house or located in a fire rated room in accordance with NFPA 20 and must have direct access from the exterior. \2\ Access to the fire pump house or fire pump room shall be via double-doors or overhead door directly to the exterior.  
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**3-6-1.2** For mission critical facilities provide a reserve fire pump of the same size when the water supply cannot support 25% of the sprinklers in the hydraulically most remote design area with the primary fire pump out-of-service.

Exception: For DLA, a reserve fire pump of the same size must be provided whenever a fire pump is required.

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**3-6.1.3** Provide at least 4 feet (1220 mm) of clearance around the pump, pump controller, and control valves in the pump piping.

**3-6.1.4** Clean, pretreat, and prime all piping. Paint all piping with one coat of red alkyd gloss enamel. After all field painting is complete, provide labeling on the surfaces of the piping in the pump room to show the water flow direction and pipe function (i.e., "Intake", "Discharge", "To Fire Dept. Connection", "To Bypass", "To Test Header", "To Standpipe", "To Sprinkler System"). Provide white painted stenciled letters and arrows, a minimum of 2 inch (50 mm) in height and visible from at least 3 sides when viewed from the floor.

**3-6.1.5** Size pumps so the maximum sprinkler demand or interior standpipe demand shall not exceed 140% of rated pump capacity.

**3-6.1.6** Terminate all drainage piping or test piping from the fire pump or associated appurtenances (i.e., circulation relief valve, bowl drains, etc.), including backflow preventers, to the exterior of the building so it will not cause damage. Discharge to the exterior must not interfere with exiting from the building. Water discharge must not cross an exit or exit discharge. Drainage piping of less than ¾ -inch (20 mm) may discharge to a floor drain.

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### **3-6.2 Pump Type.**

A fire pump may be either a horizontal or vertical shaft centrifugal pump or a vertical shaft turbine pump; whichever is most economical and appropriate for the intended use. A centrifugal pump in either the horizontal or vertical position must not be used where suction lift is required. A vertical shaft turbine pump must be used for suction lift.

### **3-6.3 Pump Starting Arrangement.**

Fire pumps must be arranged to start automatically. Fire pumps may be arranged for manual starting when other available water supply sources are capable of providing demands for automatic sprinkler systems simultaneously with domestic and industrial demands.

#### **3-6.3.1 Pump Shut Down.**

Once started, fire pumps must be arranged to run until shut down manually.

Exception 1: Operation by automatic periodic exercise timers used for the required preventive maintenance run times.

Exception 2: Automatic shut down upon total exhaustion of suction reservoir water may be permitted.

### **3-6.4 Pump Drive.**

Electric power supply(ies) for pumps used in fire protection service must comply with NFPA 20. Where electric power is economically available from a reliable single source of adequate capacity or from two independent sources each of adequate capacity, pumps may be electric driven. When such electrical power supplies are not available, fire pumps must be diesel driven. Spark ignited internal combustion engines must not be used to drive fire pumps.

Exception: A diesel driven fire pump does not have to be provided when the fire pump is equipped with an automatic transfer switch and connected to an emergency generator.

Note: A reliable single power source is defined as a power source having an average forced down time, excluding scheduled repairs, which does not exceed 8 consecutive hours for any one incident nor more than 24 hours cumulatively over the last 3 years.

### **3-6.5 Pump Bypass.**

Provide a bypass in accordance with NFPA 20 around all booster fire pumps (fire pumps which take suction from a pressurized source for the purpose of boosting pressure).

### **3-6.6 Backflow Preventer.**



Where a backflow preventer is required for a fire pump installation, it should be located on the discharge side of the pump. The location of the backflow preventer needs to be coordinated with local environmental requirements.

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### **3-6.7 Electric Circuits for Diesel Engine Driven Pumps**

Provide a separate hard-wired electric circuit for the pump controller and a separate hard-wired electric circuit for the engine block heater.

### **3-6.8 Controller for Electric Drive**

For electric driven pumps provide soft start, reduced voltage controllers.

### **3-6.9 Test Header**

Provide a linear test header manifold on the building exterior that permits flow testing directly from the header using one length (50 ft) of attached hose. Coordinate the location of flow testing facilities with other disciplines to ensure flow from test header does not discharge onto other equipment or cause property damage.

### **3-6.10 Flow Meter**

Provide a flow meter in addition to a test header. Locate the flow meter such that both the test loop and the test header arrangement are metered.

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## **3-7 WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS.**

### **3-7.1 Distribution Mains.**

**3-7.1.1** The distribution system must be sized to accommodate fire flows plus domestic and industrial or flushing demands that cannot be restricted during fires.

**3-7.1.2** Distribution must be looped to provide at least 50 percent of the required fire flow in case of a single break.

**3-7.1.3** Dead-end mains must be avoided.

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**3-7.1.4** The water distribution system must be able to support 150% of the building fire pump rated capacity with a minimum pressure of 20 psi (137.9 kPa) at the suction side of the pump.

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**3-7.1.5** Distribution systems must be designed in accordance with AWWA Manual M 31 Distribution System Requirements for Fire Protection, NFPA 24, Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances, and UFC 3-230-01, Water Storage, Distribution, and Transmission.

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**3-7.1.6** Provide appropriate corrosion protection. For the Army and DLA, comply with UFC 3-570-02A, Cathodic Protection, and for the Navy and Air Force, comply with UFC 3-570-02N, Electrical Engineering Cathodic Protection.

**3-7.1.7** Minimum size for piping supplying NFPA 13 fire sprinkler systems must be not less than 6 inches (152 mm) in diameter.

**3-7.1.8** See UFC 3-230-01, Water Storage, Distribution, and Transmission, for velocity limits in water supply piping. For mains served by fire pumps or serving fire pumps, velocities shall be calculated using the 150 percent rated capacity of the fire pump.

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## **3-7.2 Valves.**

Control valves must be provided in each source of water supply, such as tanks and pumps. Control valves must be either post-indicating or outside-stem-and-yoke types. A sufficient number of sectional valves must be provided so that not more than a combined total of five hydrants and sprinkler systems, or not more than three sprinkler systems must be out of service due to a single break. Sectional valves may be key-operated type. New valves must open by counter-clockwise rotation of the stem.

\2\ Note: For DLA projects, in lieu of post indicating control valve, use outside – stem-and –yoke type control valves. /2/

### **3-7.2.1 Drawings.**

Drawings must be provided showing control and sectional valve locations and valve sizes. Existing left-hand valves must be clearly indicated on drawings.

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### **3-7.2.2 Supervision.**

Provide supervision of all post indicator valves (PIVs). Supervision shall be accomplished using a lock or tamper seal.

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### **3-7.3 Hydrants.**

Fire hydrants must be UL listed, FM approved, or listed or classified by an NRTL and must have two 2-1/2-inch (65 mm) hose outlets and one 4-1/2-inch (115mm) suction connection with national standard fire hose threads in accordance with NFPA 1963, Fire Hose Connections. Wet-barrel or California-type hydrants are preferable in areas where there is no danger of freezing. Dry barrel or traffic-type hydrants must be used in areas where there is a danger of freezing. Hydrants must be aboveground type. If local municipal departments use nonstandard connections, adapters must be made and supplied to engine companies that respond to DOD installation fires. In DOD installations serviced by only local fire departments, hydrant hose threads must meet local requirements. See AWWA Manual M 17, Installation, Field Testing, and Maintenance of Fire Hydrants and AWWA Manual M 31, Distribution Systems Requirements for additional information.

Note 1: Overseas bases with current below grade hydrants in accordance with local national policy are acceptable.

Note 2: For Navy projects, a 4-inch (100 mm) suction connection must be provided for facilities that have existing fire hydrants with 4-inch (100 mm) suction connection.

#### **3-7.3.1 Hydrant Color Coding.**

Hydrant barrels shall be color coded to prevent cross-connection. In the absence of an installation established color code standard the following colors shall be used; red for non-potable water, yellow for potable water, and purple for reclaimed/reuse water. All hydrants shall also be marked based on the fire flow capacity. In the absence of an installation established marking standard the hydrant bonnet shall be painted in accordance with NFPA 291, Fire Flow and Marking of Hydrants.

Exception: Hydrants at DoD facilities serviced only by local municipal fire departments shall comply with the requirements of the local municipality.

#### **3-7.3.2 Installation Requirements.**

- Hydrants must be installed adjacent to paved areas, accessible to fire department apparatus.
- Hydrants must not be closer than 3 ft (1 m) nor farther than 7 ft (2.1 m) from the roadway shoulder or curb line.
- Hydrants must be installed with not less than 6-inch (150 mm) connection to the supply main, and valved at the connection.

- Barrels must be long enough to permit at least 18-inch (450 mm) clearance between the center of the 4-1/2-inch (115 mm) suction connection and grade.
- The ground must be graded so that any surface drainage is away from the hydrant.
- Installation must be in accordance with NFPA 24, except as modified by this UFC.
- Suction connection should be perpendicular to the street to allow straight lined connection to the pumper.
- At airfields, the tops of the hydrants should not be installed more than 24 inches (610 mm) above the level of the adjacent airfield pavement but in no case must the tops of the hydrants be installed higher than 30 inches (760 mm) above the airfield pavement.

### **3-7.3.3 Spacing Requirements.**

A sufficient number of hydrants must be provided so that \2\ fire flow /2/ demand can be met without taking more than 1,250 gpm (4,740 L/min) from any single hydrant. Hydrants must also be spaced in accordance with the following requirements:

- All parts of the building exterior must be within 350 ft (106 m) of a hydrant with consideration given to accessibility and obstructions. Hydrants must be located with consideration given to emergency vehicle access.
- At least one hydrant must be located within 150 ft (45 m) of the fire department connection.
- Hydrants protecting warehouses must be spaced a maximum of 300 ft (91 m) apart.
- Hydrants protecting aircraft hangars must be located at 300 ft (91 m) maximum intervals, and there must be at least one hydrant at each corner of the hangar.
- Hydrants protecting POL storage and distribution facilities must be spaced at 300 ft (91 m) maximum intervals. Provide a minimum of two hydrants. Locate hydrants so that protected exposures can be reached by hose lays not exceeding 300 ft (91 m) in length.
- Hydrants protecting aircraft parking and servicing aprons must be spaced at 300 ft (91 m) maximum intervals along one side.

- Hydrants protecting exterior storage must be spaced at 300 ft (91 m) maximum intervals around the perimeter.
- Hydrant spacing must not exceed 600 ft (182 m) for \2\ family housing developments without sprinkler protection. Hydrant spacing must not exceed 1,000 ft (305 m) for family /2/ housing developments with sprinkler protection.

#### **3-7.3.4 Hydrant Protection.**

Hydrants located adjacent to parking areas or other vehicle traffic areas, must be protected by bollards. The bollards must be located so they are not directly in front of an outlet. \2\ The bollards must allow clearance to attach hoses, allow for the removal of the hydrant caps, and for the hydrant to be opened and closed without obstructions. /2/

#### **3-7.4 Pressure-Regulating Valves (PRVs) .**

PRVs are restricted in use on fire protection water systems by NFPA 24. Where essential, PRVs must be installed on individual services rather than on the main piping. Where PRVs are provided in distribution mains supplying systems or portions of systems with fire hydrants, automatic sprinkler systems, or other installed fire protection, the following features must be provided to safeguard against failures and to facilitate maintenance:

- Control valves on each side of the PRVs.
- Bypasses around PRVs.

#### **3-7.5 Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control**

The installation of backflow prevention and cross connection control must comply with the AWWA Manual M 14, Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control.

##### **3-7.5.1 Fire Suppression Systems.**

When backflow preventers are provided on a fire suppression system, NFPA 13 requires backflow preventers that are approved or listed for fire protection use by acceptable testing agencies such as Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual. Because pressure loss through a valve can degrade the effectiveness of a fire suppression system, design and submittal acceptance must ensure the rated working flow rate of the valve selected or installed meets the flow requirements of the system. Perform backflow prevention retrofit work when systems are down for major renovation unless the threat dictates otherwise.

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**3-7.5.1.1 For systems connected to a potable water supply:**

For new fire suppression system using water only as a fire suppressant, follow base requirements for backflow prevention.

Install a reduced pressure type backflow device where antifreeze or other chemicals are added into the system.

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**3-7.5.2 Retrofit on Fire Suppression Systems.**

When backflow preventers are installed in an existing sprinkler system, a thorough hydraulic analysis, including hydraulic calculations and flow test, must be performed on the sprinkler system to ensure that the water supply is still adequate for the system with the backflow preventer. If the backflow preventer causes the demand to exceed the water supply, the backflow preventer must not be installed until the water supply is corrected to support the new demand.

**3-7.5.3 Test Connection.**

When backflow preventers are installed in fixed fire protection systems, test connection must be provided downstream of all backflow prevention valves for flow tests at system demand.

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**3-7.5.4 Location.**

Locate backflow preventers in the building or within a heated enclosure if freeze protection is necessary. Heat trace must not be used. Provide a low temperature supervisory alarm connected to the building FACP for heated enclosures.

Backflow preventers that are installed inside the building shall be located no greater than 24-inches (610 mm) above the finished floor. This dimension is measured from the bottom of the assembly to the finished floor.

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**3-7.6 Meters.**

Where meters are installed on fire sprinkler and hose stream water distribution systems, they must be listed by an NRTL as fire flow meters.

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**3-7.7 Non-Potable Water Systems.**

Discharge lines from flow meters, pressure-relief valves and fill lines must return to the tank above the maximum fill line, i.e. provide an air gap.

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## CHAPTER 4 FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS

### 4-1 GENERAL

#### 4-1.1 Connections to Fire Reporting Systems.

Where fire suppression systems are installed in or at facilities on installations with station or base fire reporting systems, the fire suppression systems must be connected to the fire reporting system for transmission of fire alarms, trouble signals and supervisory signals.

#### 4-1.2 Plans and Calculations.

For new systems or modified systems, construction (shop) drawings and calculations must be prepared by an individual that has obtained National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies, Automatic Sprinkler Systems, Level III certification or Special Hazards Suppression Systems, Level IV certification, in accordance with the applicable NFPA code. A registered professional engineer licensed to practice fire protection engineering must stamp the shop drawings prior to submitting the fire extinguishing system shop drawings to the appropriate components designated Fire Protection Engineer.

#### 4-1.3 Water Flow Testing.

Conduct water flow tests, in accordance with the procedures contained in NFPA 291, to determine available water supply for the water-based fire extinguishing systems. The preparer of the contract documents (a fire protection engineer or an engineer experienced in water flow testing) must perform or witness the required flow testing prior to the first submission of the project. Advertisement of the project must not be permitted before water flow tests are accepted. Historical water supply information must not be accepted.

### 4-2 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.

#### 4-2.1 Characteristics.

Properly engineered and installed automatic sprinkler systems are designed to detect the presence of fire, activate both local and remote (fire department) alarms, and distribute water in sufficient quantity to either control or extinguish the fire. Sprinkler specifications must include provisions regarding sprinkler contractor qualifications.

#### 4-2.2 Application Requirements.

Complete automatic sprinkler protection must be provided in all new or renovated DOD facilities. \1\ For buildings that are being repaired, upgraded or renovated, refer to the paragraph entitled "Application/Types of Work Efforts". /1/



Exception: Non-mission essential buildings of Type I or II construction less than 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (1,394 m<sup>2</sup>) gross floor area or Type III, Type IV and Type V construction less than 5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (465 m<sup>2</sup>) do not require automatic sprinkler protection unless specified by Chapter 6.

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#### **4-2.2.1 For Additions or Partial Renovations of Existing Buildings.**

Sprinkler protection must be provided if the entire gross floor area of the building (including the addition, if provided) exceeds 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (1,394 m<sup>2</sup>), or is an essential facility. The addition or portion of the building being renovated must include sprinkler protection and be designed to support sprinklers for the remainder of the building when it is renovated.

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#### **4-2.3 Design Requirements.**

Sprinkler systems must use equipment and devices listed by a NRTL.

##### **4-2.3.1 Sprinkler Density and Hose Stream Requirements.**

Building and structures requiring sprinkler protection must be provided with sprinkler systems that are designed using the Area/Density Method of NFPA 13, \2\ except the design density, design area, hose stream allowance and duration of supply requirements for non-storage occupancies must be in accordance with FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheet 3-26, Fire Protection Water Demand for Non-Storage Sprinklered Properties Tables 1 through 4, including the revised Table 2 in FM Engineering Bulletin 04-12. /2/

##### **4-2.3.2 Piping.**

\2\ Galvanized piping is not permitted to be used in dry pipe, preaction, or wet pipe sprinkler systems.

For DLA, use Schedule 40 steel piping for all sprinkler systems. /2/

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##### **4-2.3.2.1 Preaction Sprinkler Systems.**

For Navy and Air Force, nitrogen shall be used in lieu of air for preaction systems./1/

- Design the system so all equipment is installed within the confines of the riser room with the exception of a connection for a manual gas analyzer,

- Provide a system that is capable of delivering a minimum of 98% nitrogen composition throughout all of the system piping within 14 days from the commencement of the inerting process,
- The complete nitrogen generator system must be self-contained and skid mounted with “drop-in” operability with a simple one step direct connection of the nitrogen gas supply line to each zone,
- Comply with the NFPA 13 requirement to have the compressor capacity capable of restoring normal gas pressure in the system within 30 minutes,
- A process that involves continuous venting of the piping network is not permitted,
- Any air maintenance device used in conjunction with the nitrogen generation system must be FM Approved for use on sprinkler systems.

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#### **4-2.3.3 Sprinkler Design Area Adjustments.**

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The design areas required in the paragraph entitled “Sprinkler Density and Hose Stream Requirements” must be increased by 30 percent for sloped ceilings that exceed a pitch of ten percent. /2/

#### **4-2.3.4 Quick Response Automatic Sprinklers.**

The use of quick response automatic sprinklers (QRAS) is limited to wet pipe systems.

#### **4-2.3.5 Hydraulic Calculations.**

New sprinkler systems protecting areas of 1,500 ft<sup>2</sup> (139 m<sup>2</sup>) and greater must be designed using hydraulic calculations. Use of pipe schedule designs is strongly discouraged for any sprinkler system. Required discharge densities and areas of discharge operation are given in paragraph Sprinkler Density and Hose Stream Requirements. Calculations must follow the format of NFPA 13. Pipe friction losses and equivalent lengths of pipe for fittings and valves must be in accordance with NFPA 13.

Note: Additions to existing pipe schedule systems may be designed using the pipe schedule method, except for Navy projects.

The designer (a fire protection engineer) must provide hydraulic calculations demonstrating that the design will provide an adequate water supply for the fire extinguishing systems. Hydraulic calculations must be submitted no later than

the \2\ first /2/ design submission. Calculations must be based on recent water flow test data.

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Hydraulic calculations must include a minimum pressure drop across backflow preventers of 82.7 kPa (12 psi), or the actual pressure drop, whichever is greater, regardless of type or size.

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#### **4-2.3.6 Sprinkler Coverage.**

In buildings protected by automatic sprinklers, sprinklers must provide coverage throughout 100 percent of the building except as permitted by NFPA 13. This includes, but is not limited to, telephone rooms, electrical equipment rooms, boiler rooms, switchgear rooms, transformer rooms, and other electrical and mechanical spaces. Coverage per sprinkler must be in accordance with NFPA 13, except that it must not exceed 225 sq ft (21 sq m) for light hazard occupancies or 130 sq ft (12.1 sq m) for ordinary hazard.

Exception 1: Facilities that are designed in accordance with \2\ NFPA 13R, Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Low-Rise Residential Occupancies /2/ up to and Including Four Stories in Height and NFPA 13D, Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes.

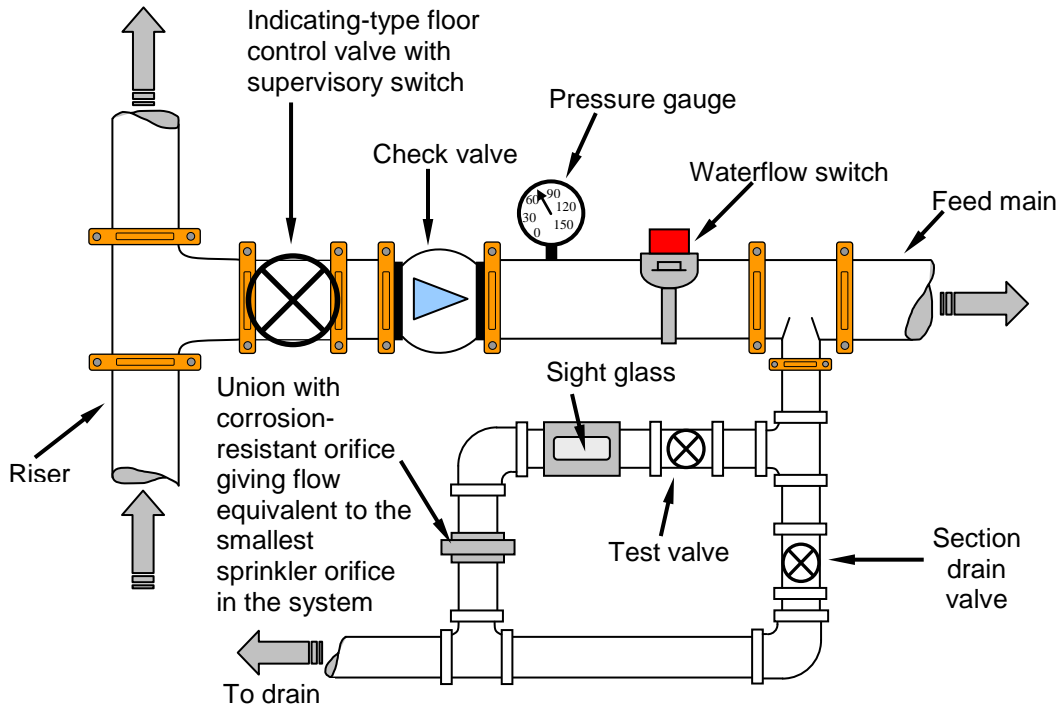
Exception 2: Sprinklers may be omitted from small rooms in specific occupancies in accordance with NFPA 101.

#### **4-2.3.7 Strainers.**

Strainers must be installed where water conditions warrant, or systems with underground distribution piping flow velocities greater than 8 ft/sec (2.4 m/s).

#### **4-2.3.8 Interconnection of Risers.**

For facilities four (4) stories and taller, there must be a combination sprinkler/standpipe riser in at least two stairwells that are interconnected on each floor. Each floor control valve assembly for the sprinkler connection must include a check valve. See Figure 4-1. The sprinkler system must be hydraulically calculated using the most hydraulically demanding riser. The calculations must not assume the use of both risers simultaneously. \2\ /2/



**Figure 4-1 Floor Control Valve Assembly**

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**4-2.3.9** Where multiple computer or electronic equipment rooms are located in one area, coordinate with the Contracting Officer and the customer on the shutdown requirements. If all adjacent areas may be considered as one, with power to all discontinued simultaneously, the entire area may be protected by one sprinkler system. However, if the customer requires each physically separated area to operate independently of the other, provide separate shutdown capabilities for the separated areas. This will necessitate dedicated systems for under-floor protection and dedicated feed mains and associated flow switches for each area.

**4-2.3.10** When Sprinkler systems are provided in family housing in climates subject to freezing, sprinkler piping is prohibited from being run in attic spaces. Run upper story piping only in interior walls with sidewall sprinklers.

**4-2.4 System Requirements.**

- 4-2.4.1** Each dry pipe system must not exceed a volume of 750 gallons (2,839 L) regardless of the delivery time or devices attached. For systems that use low-air differential dry pipe valves, the volume may exceed 750 gallons (2,839 L).
- 4-2.4.2** For dry pipe systems, the delivery of the water from the dry pipe valve to the system test connection shall not exceed 60 seconds, starting at the normal air pressure on the system.
- 4-2.4.3** Provide a minimum clearance of 3 feet (915 mm) in front of all equipment and 6 inches (152 mm) behind the equipment, i.e., control valves, backflow preventer, check valves, floor control valve assemblies, etc.
- 4-2.4.4** Plain end fittings with mechanical couplings and fittings that use steel gripping devices to bit into the pipe are prohibited.
- 4-2.4.5** Steel piping with wall thickness less than Schedule 40 shall not be threaded.
- 4-2.4.6** All rubber gasket grooved-end pipe fittings for dry pipe systems must be listed or approved for dry pipe systems.
- 4-2.4.7** Do not provide side outlet tees using rubber gasket fittings in new construction. For renovation projects side outlet tees that use a connection method that completely wraps around the pipe are only permissible where connecting to existing piping.
- 4-2.4.8** The same manufacturer must supply fittings, mechanical couplings, and rubber gaskets.
- 4-2.4.9** For new construction, all sprinkler piping must be concealed except in spaces without ceilings.
- 4-2.4.10** Make changes in pipe sizes through tapered reducing pipe fittings.
- 4-2.4.11** Thrust rod and sleeve all pipe penetrations of grade floor slab.
- 4-2.4.12** Piping in finished areas that do not have sprinklers directly connected them may be painted to match adjacent surfaces, provided piping is identified by painting 2-inch (50 mm) wide red alkyd gloss enamel bands every 20 feet (6.0 m) and on both sides of wall, ceiling, or floor penetration, subject to approval by the Contracting Officer. Painting all pipe fittings in finished areas with red alkyd gloss enamel may be considered an acceptable alternative to painting bands and must be approved by the Contracting Officer.
- 4-2.4.13** Provide concrete splash blocks at main drain and inspector test connection discharge locations if not discharging to a paved surface. Ensure all discharged water drains away from the building.

**4-2.4.14** Terminate all drainage and inspector test connection piping to the exterior of the building so it will not cause damage. Discharge to the exterior must not interfere with exiting from the building. Water discharge or runoff must not cross an exit or exit discharge path.

**4-2.4.15** Any drains, test connection pipe, etc. that penetrate the exterior wall must do so no greater than 2 feet (610 mm) above finished grade.

**4-2.4.16** The drain/test connection must be piped to a location that will accept full flow and will not cause property damage when water is discharging. Discharge to any sink is not acceptable.

**4-2.4.17** Provide a permanently piped drain/test connection for each flow switch to comply with 4-2.4.13 through 4-2.4.16.

Note: Comply with any applicable state or local environmental requirements pertaining to the handling of sprinkler discharge water.

**4-2.4.18** Provide control valve assemblies at each respective floor.

**4-2.4.19** A control valve assembly must consist of a control valve, check valve, water flow switch, drain/test connection, gauges, and must be electrically supervised.

**4-2.4.20** Provide a dedicated control valve assembly for piping serving rooms that require shunt-tripping of equipment power prior to or simultaneously to the application of water. Locate the control valve assembly outside of the area it serves in an easily accessible identified location.

**4-2.4.21** Provide valve tamper switches (with tamper proof covers) for all normally open sprinkler system control valves, including isolation valves on backflow preventers installed inside buildings.

**4-2.4.22** Provide listed or approved sprinkler guards for sprinklers that are less than 7 feet (2.1 m) above finished floor.

**4-2.4.23** Sprinklers installed in any detention areas, regardless of the building occupancy classification, must be listed/approved institutional sprinklers.

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## **4-3 WATER SPRAY SYSTEMS.**

### **4-3.1 Requirements.**

Design requirements for water spray systems must conform to NFPA 15, Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection.

#### **4-4 FOAM SYSTEMS.**

##### **4-4.1 Requirements.**

Foam installations must be in accordance with \2\ NFPA 11, Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam /2/, and NFPA 16, Installation of Foam-Water Sprinkler and Foam-Water Spray Systems. For additional information, the NFPA Fire Protection Handbook and FM Global Data Sheets contain data and information concerning installation and arrangement of foam systems for various types of flammable and combustible liquids hazards.

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##### **4-4.1.1 Piping.**

- The foam solution piping must use Schedule 40 steel pipe.
- The foam concentrate piping must use stainless steel pipe with roll grooved fittings, welded joints and fittings, or flanged joints and fittings. If using welded joints and fittings, consideration must be given to the maintenance of the system and provide flanged joints at certain locations to allow for the ease of maintenance and equipment removal.
- Any concealed concentrate piping must use welded or flanged fittings
- The trim piping on all deluge valves, flow control valves, and alarm check valves must utilize brass piping.
- Foam concentrate lines must be located above grade.

##### **4-4.2 Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Concentrate.**

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Foam Systems that utilize AFFF must only use AFFF concentrate meeting Military Specification MIL-F-24385F, Fire Extinguishing Agent, Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Liquid Concentrate, for Fresh and Seawater.

New AFFF systems must use potable water or a water source that is supplied from a potable water system (i.e., a water storage tank that is filled from a potable water system). The use of saltwater or untreated fresh water must be approved by the AHJ.

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##### **4-4.3 Foam Concentrate Booster Pumps**

When foam concentrate pumps are used, provide foam concentrate booster pumps where foam concentrate lines from the discharge of the concentrate pumps to the AFFF injection points exceed 50 feet (15.3 m).

#### **4-4.4 Foam Concentrate Storage Tanks.**

Provide atmospheric foam concentrate storage tanks.

Do not provide vertical bladder tanks for AFFF systems. Locate tanks with sufficient space to allow the bladder to be replaced with the tank in place. For existing facilities, vertical bladder tanks may be used subject to approval by the AHJ.

#### **4-4.5 Foam Concentrate Control Valves.**

**4-4.5.1** For automatic control of foam concentrate, provide valves listed or approved for use with foam concentrate.

**4-4.5.2** Isolation control valves shall be full port ball type with operating handle that indicates the on/off position of the valve. Unit shall be socket weld or flanged type. Valve body and ball shall be 316 stainless steel complying with ASTM A351.

**4-4.5.3** All foam system valves shall be marked with permanent tags indicating normally open or normally closed.

**4-4.5.4** All foam system valves shall be locked, sealed, or electrically supervised for correct position.

#### **4-4.6 Foam Concentrate Spill Control.**

Provide spill control around foam storage tank(s) to prevent spilled / leaked foam concentrate from reaching any drains. Spill control shall be sized to contain 100% of the tank capacity.

### **4-5 STANDPIPE SYSTEMS.**

When required, standpipe systems must be installed in accordance with \2\ NFPA 14, Installation of Standpipes and Hose Systems /2/.

Exception: Residual pressure requirements specified in NFPA 14 may be omitted for buildings under 150 ft (45 m) in height where fire department apparatus are expected to boost pressure in standpipe systems.

#### **4-5.1 Class I Standpipe Systems**

Class I standpipe systems must be provided in exit stairways of buildings four stories or more in height. \2\ /2/



Class I standpipe systems must also be provided in facilities where it is not practical to reach major portions of the building with firefighting hose lines (in excess of 450 feet (140m)) extended from the exterior of the building, regardless of building height.

The 2.5-inch (65 mm) hose outlets on sprinkler risers do not meet the Class I stand pipe requirement unless the combined system design meets the requirements of NFPA 13 simultaneously while meeting the requirements of NFPA 14.

#### **4-5.2 Class II and Class III Standpipes.**

Class II and Class III standpipes are not permitted.

#### **4-6 DRY CHEMICAL EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS.**

##### **4-6.1 Application.**

Fixed dry chemical extinguishing systems are appropriate for the protection of certain types of special occupancies, hazards, and facilities such as dip tanks, and other operations involving flammable liquids.

##### **4-6.2 Design Requirements.**

Dry chemical extinguishing systems must conform to NFPA 17, Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems.

##### **4-6.3 Limitations.**

Dry chemical agents should not be used to protect sensitive electronics. Dry chemical extinguishing systems are no longer UL listed or FM approved for the protection of cooking equipment.

#### **4-7 CARBON DIOXIDE SYSTEMS.**

##### **4-7.1 Application.**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) systems are normally effective against flammable liquid (Class B) and electrical (Class C) fires. New total flooding systems are not authorized in normally occupied areas.

##### **4-7.2 Design Requirements.**

Carbon dioxide systems must conform to NFPA 12, Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems.

**4-7.2.1** Do not locate CO<sub>2</sub> piping in any area where a pipe break or leak could make a normally occupied area untenable.

**4-7.2.2** Provide a stand-alone (not dependent upon the building fire alarm system for operation) control panel that is listed for releasing device service. The building fire alarm control panel or fire alarm reporting system must monitor this releasing panel.

**4-7.2.3** Careful consideration must be given to compartment under/over-pressurization during the discharge of total flooding CO<sub>2</sub> systems. Comply with NFPA 12 and the manufacturer's recommended procedures relative to enclosure venting.

**4-7.2.4** Provide a manually activated exhaust system to facilitate the extraction of any remaining CO<sub>2</sub> after the required hold time of the total flooding CO<sub>2</sub> system. The exhaust system can be integrated into the HVAC system for the enclosure.

#### **4-8 HALON 1301 SYSTEMS.**

##### **4-8.1 Application.**

Installation of new Halon 1301 systems is prohibited except by special approval of the AHJ in the component office listed in the paragraph entitled "Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)".

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##### **4-8.2 Halon Turn-In Procedures.**

For projects involving the demolition of existing Halon 1301, refer to the following for turn in requirements:

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#### **4-9 PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.**

Portable fire extinguishers must be provided where required by NFPA 101, Life Safety Code. Portable fire extinguishers must be located and installed in accordance with NFPA 10, Portable Fire Extinguishers.

Exception: For Industrial and Storage occupancies, provide and install extinguishers in accordance with NFPA 10.

##### **4-9.1 Extinguisher Cabinets.**

Recessed or semi-recessed enclosed cabinets must be provided in new or renovated facilities, except storage and industrial occupancies.

#### **4-10 WET CHEMICAL EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS.**

**4-10.1 Application.**

Fixed wet chemical systems are suitable for protection of certain types of special occupancies, hazards, and facilities, such as cooking surfaces, cooking exhaust systems, and dip tanks.

**4-10.2 Design Requirements.**

Wet chemical systems must conform to NFPA 17A, Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems.

**4-11 CLEAN AGENT FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS.**

**4-11.1 Application.**

Clean agent fire extinguishing systems are suitable for protection of certain types of special occupancies, hazards, and facilities. Clean agent fire extinguishing systems are not a substitute for required automatic sprinkler systems.

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**4-11.2 Clean Agent Supply.**

Provide separate storage cylinders and manifold for each hazard. Avoid designing multiple hazard protection using a selector valve and a common manifold.

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**4-11.3 Design Requirements.**

Clean agent fire extinguishing systems must conform to NFPA 2001, Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.

**4-11.3.1** Provide stand-alone (not dependent upon the building fire alarm system for operation) control panels that are listed for releasing device service and monitored by the building fire alarm system.

**4-11.3.2** Careful consideration must be given to compartment under/over-pressurization during the discharge of total flooding clean agent systems. Pressure relieving vents, located near the finished ceiling, may be necessary to regulate rapid pressure changes during discharge. Comply with the manufacturer's recommended procedures relative to enclosure venting.

**4-11.3.3** Provide a manually activated exhaust system to facilitate the extraction of any remaining clean agent after the required hold time of the total flooding clean agent system. The exhaust system can be integrated into the HVAC system for the enclosure.

**4-12 WATER MIST FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS.**

**4-12.1 Application.**

Water mist fire protection systems are suitable for protection of certain types of special occupancies, hazards, and facilities. Water mist fire protection systems are not a substitute for required automatic sprinkler systems.

**4-12.2 Design Requirements.**

Water mist fire protection systems must conform to NFPA 750, Water Mist Fire Protection Systems.

Provide stand-alone (not dependent upon the building fire alarm system for operation) control panels that are listed for releasing device service and monitored by the building fire alarm system.

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## CHAPTER 5 FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

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### 5-1 GENERAL

#### 5-1.1 Standard

Facility emergency notification systems including fire alarm (detection, notification, and signaling) and/or mass notification shall be addressable voice notification systems. \3\ Class B pathways for addressable detection, notification, and signaling circuits meet all minimum/necessary DOD performance requirements. /3/ Class C, D, and E pathways are not approved for use.

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#### 5-1.2 Plans And Calculations.

System working plans and calculations must be prepared and submitted for approval by a registered professional fire protection engineer or an individual that has obtained National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies, Fire Alarm Systems, Level III certification (minimum) in accordance with NFPA 72. Submit the fire alarm reporting system, fire alarm evacuation system, and automatic fire detection system construction (shop) drawings to the appropriate components designated Fire Protection Engineer.

### 5-2 FIRE ALARM REPORTING SYSTEMS.

#### 5-2.1 Applications.

Fire alarm reporting systems are the base-wide reporting systems that connect the building fire alarm control panel(s) to \2\ a constantly attended location staffed with qualified operators for the receipt and processing of emergency communications. /2/ Required systems are to be digital, telephonic, radio, or supervised conductor types. Consider compatibility of extensions of fire reporting systems with existing equipment.

**5-2.1.1** The building fire alarm systems must be connected to the fire alarm reporting system as a means for automatically and manually reporting fires to station or base fire departments or to other central alarm locations as required to implement firefighting operations and emergency actions.

**5.2.1.2** Do not provide fire reporting systems at isolated small areas, ammunition and ordnance storage, and similar restricted areas.

**5-2.1.3** Reporting systems are not required in family housing areas, i.e., street boxes are not required.

### **5-2.2 Exterior Fire Alarm Reporting Systems.**

New exterior fire alarm boxes are not required at DOD installations, nor is it required to replace existing boxes that are not needed for the transmission of automatic alarms.

### **5-2.3 Requirements.**

Alarm reporting systems must conform to \2\ NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code /2/ , NFPA 70, National Electric Code and must provide the following where applicable:

- Transmission of coded signals to fire department headquarters and/or other central locations;
- Permanent record of alarm signal, time, and date;
- Automatic supervision of alarm initiating circuits;

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- \1\ /1/ Automatic testing of radio signaling devices;
- A dedicated transmitter that will transmit alarm and trouble signals for each essential building; and
- Transmitters must be listed or approved for use with the existing base reporting system.

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## **5-3 FIRE ALARM EVACUATION SYSTEMS**

These systems consist primarily of manual pull stations and notification appliances. Combination systems (evacuation, detection, and/or mass notification) shall comply with the requirements of this paragraph entitled "Fire Alarm Evacuation Systems" and the paragraph entitled, "Automatic Fire Detection Systems".

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### **5-3.1 Applications.**

Fire alarm evacuation systems must be provided in the following locations:

- Buildings required by NFPA 101.
- Buildings requiring automatic detection or suppression systems.

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### **5-3.2 Requirements.**

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**5-3.2.1** Locate manual pull stations within 5 feet (1.5 m) of each exterior exit door and each door into an exit stairway. For Air Force, omit manual pull stations when not specifically required by occupancy requirements of NFPA 101.

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**5-3.2.2** Automatic alarm initiating devices such as detectors and water flow alarms must be connected to these systems when provided.

**5-3.2.3** Fire alarm systems must be connected to a central alarm location, fire department, or alarm monitoring location.

**5-2.2.4** Building fire alarm evacuation systems must be installed in accordance with NFPA 72.

**5-3.2.5** Fire alarm systems must be independent, stand-alone systems that are not an integral part of a security, an energy monitoring and control system (EMCS), or other system, except that a fire alarm system may be combined with a building mass notification system or with a combination building mass notification and public address system.

Exception: Existing fire alarm systems controlled by an EMCS.

**5-3.2.6** Fire alarm systems may be connected to security systems or an EMCS for monitoring purposes only, but must in no way rely on any components of those other systems for operation.

**5-3.2.7** Wireless interior fire alarms are not permitted.

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### **5-3.2.8 Notification Appliances.**

- Bathrooms serving private offices do not require notification appliances unless the office is assigned to a person with a hearing impairment that would require a visual notification appliance.
- Provide a minimum of 1 notification appliance circuit per floor. Each notification appliance circuit loading must not exceed 80% of its rated output.



- Provide audible notification appliances in each sleeping room regardless of the building's occupancy classification, with the exception of facilities with non-ambulatory care. The provision of a room smoke detector sounder base does not negate the requirement of the building's audible notification appliances for each sleeping room.

**5-3.2.9**      \1\ Requirements of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) \2\  
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\2\ Audio and visual warning devices shall be provided in common use areas, employee work areas, and public use areas as defined in the \1\ ABA/1/. Spacing and location shall be in accordance with NFPA 72. /2/

**5-3.3**            **Mass Notification System (MNS).**

Refer to UFC 4-021-01, Mass Notification Systems.

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**5-3.4**            **Primary Power**

Provide primary power in accordance with UFC 3-520-01, Interior Electrical Systems.

**5-3.5**            **Secondary Power**

Provide rechargeable sealed lead acid type batteries to operate the fire alarm system under supervisory conditions for 48 hours and audible and all alarm devices for an additional 10 minutes. Where the fire alarm system also serves as a Mass Notification System refer to UFC 4-021-01, Design and O&M: Mass Notification Systems, for additional requirements.

**5-3.6**            **Voice Message**

For systems using voice evacuation or combined with the Mass Notification System, the default fire alarm voice evacuation message must be a female voice and state the following:

“May I have your attention please. May I have your attention please. A fire emergency has been reported in the building. Please leave the building by the nearest exit or exit stairway. Do not use the elevators.” <provide a 2 second pause> “May I have your attention please...”(repeat the message).

**Note:** For single story buildings, delete “or exit stairway. Do not use the elevators” in the voice message.

**5-4**            **AUTOMATIC FIRE DETECTION SYSTEMS.**

Combination systems (evacuation, detection, and/or mass notification) shall comply with the requirements of the paragraph entitled "Fire Alarm Evacuation Systems" and this paragraph entitled, "Automatic Fire Detection Systems".

#### **5-4.1 Applications.**

Fire detection systems must be provided in areas required by this UFC and should be limited to these applications. Detection systems must be provided in areas requiring fire detection by NFPA standards and specific criteria contained in this UFC. Where automatic sprinklers are provided other/additional initiating devices are only provided when specifically required by this UFC, referenced documented, or when an exemption is approved by the service AHJ.

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**Note 1:** For **Air Force** projects in occupied facilities and unoccupied mission support/mission critical/mission essential facilities not required by this UFC and referenced documents to be protected by a sprinkler system shall be provided with an automatic thermal fire detection system. Fire protection systems may be waived by the installation for occupied facilities less the 350 square feet (32.5 square meters) with two direct egress paths to exterior. Fire protection systems shall not be provided in unoccupied incidental facilities unless specifically required by this UFC to be protected.

**Note 2:** For **Air Force** projects in remote unoccupied mission support/mission critical/mission essential facilities dedicated to a single operational mission, where the equipment housed has imbedded and monitored fire protection features, such systems are approved as alternatives to the automatic thermal fire detection system in Note 1.

**Note 3:** For **Air Force** projects, multiple protection systems shall only be provided when specifically required by this UFC, referenced documents, or when an exemption is approved by the AHJ. */1/*

#### **5-4.2 Requirements.**

**5-4.2.1** Fire detection systems must conform to the applicable provisions of *\2\* NFPA 72 and the ADAABAAG. */2/*

**5-4.2.2** Detection systems must be arranged to alert building occupants and to transmit a signal to a constantly attended location.

**5-4.2.3** Fire detection systems must be independent, stand-alone systems that are not an integral part of a security system, or other building management, energy/utility management systems.

**5-4.2.4** Fire detection systems may be connected to security systems or building management, energy/utility management systems for monitoring \2\ or control function /2/ purposes only, but must in no way rely on any components of those other systems for operation.

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**5-4.2.5** The fire detection control panel must be an analog/addressable, site programmable panel, and shall have, or be capable of, the following:

- The ability to store at least 400 events in the history log. These events must be stored in a non-volatile memory and remain in the memory until the memory is downloaded or cleared manually.
- Resetting of the control panel must not clear the memory from being retrieved on the integral LCD display.
- An integral LCD 80 character (minimum) alphanumeric display.
- Provide all smoke detectors connected to the FACP with an adjustable alarm verification feature. Initially set the alarm verification at 20 seconds.

Exception: Existing fire detection systems which are controlled by building management, energy/utility management systems.

**5-4.2.6** In new construction or major renovations, the control panel cabinets located in finished areas shall be recessed and not be in contrast with the room or area's finishes.

**5-4.2.7** Locate the control panel and supplemental control panels in a year-round environmentally conditioned space within the building that complies with the environmental conditions required in the panel approval or listing.

NOTE: Environmental condition values (temperature and humidity) is taken from UFC 3-400-02, Design: Engineering Weather Data.

**5-4.2.8** Locate the notification appliance circuit extender panels in electrical rooms/closets and/or telecommunication rooms/closets on each floor. Locate panels less than 5 feet (1525 mm) above the finished floor, measured to the centerline of the panel. Each extender panel must be individually addressed and monitored for trouble conditions for each notification appliance circuit.

**5-4.2.9** Provide a remote annunciator at the designated primary entrance unless directed otherwise by the contract documents or contracting officer. Provide remote annunciator with control functions the same as the main control panel. Control functions shall be accessible only by user code or secured behind a locked panel.

### **5-4.3 Primary Power**

Provide primary power in accordance with UFC 3-520-01, Interior Electrical Systems.

### **5-4.4 Secondary Power**

Provide rechargeable sealed lead acid type batteries to operate the fire alarm system under supervisory conditions for 48 hours and audible and all alarm devices for an additional 10 minutes. Where the fire alarm system also serves as a Mass Notification System refer to UFC 4-021-01, Design and O&M: Mass Notification Systems, for additional requirements.

### **5-4.5 Panels Used for the Control and/or Release of Fire Suppression Systems**

**5-4.5.1** In addition to the requirements specified above, panels used for control and/or release of fire suppression systems must be FM Approved for releasing service.

**5-4.5.2** Provide a separate releasing panel independent of the building fire alarm system panel to activate the system.

**5-4.5.3** Electronic solenoids used for release of the suppression system must be FM Approved for use with both the releasing panel and the suppression equipment.

**5-4.5.4** Provide rechargeable lead calcium or sealed lead acid type batteries to operate the releasing panel under supervisory conditions for 48 hours and alarm conditions for an additional 15 minutes. Include the full current draw of the solenoid in the battery calculations.

**5-4.5.5** When more than one panel is used, each panel must be monitored independently by the building fire alarm control panel.

**5-4.5.6** Locate the panel adjacent to, but not in the hazard/area served. The releasing panel and supplemental control panels shall be located in a year-round environmentally conditioned space that complies with the environmental conditions required in the FM Approval.

**5-4.5.7** When required, pre-discharge and discharge alarms must consist of audible and visual notification appliances that are different than the building fire alarm system notification appliances.

### **5-4.6 Detection Systems.**

Detection systems, especially smoke detection systems, require significant maintenance. It is critical that the required detectors are properly installed and

maintained. Providing detectors in locations that are not required increases the already high maintenance costs of alarm systems and strains the maintenance program for critical detection systems. If a facility warrants protection and criteria does not require detection, protection should be accomplished by a wet pipe sprinkler system. Wet pipe sprinklers provide superior protection with little maintenance.

#### **5-4.6.1 Smoke Detection and Destratification Fans (Ceiling Fans).**

The area of protection for smoke detection devices permitted by NFPA 72 must be reduced by 50 percent where destratification (ceiling) fans are used (i.e., this may require additional smoke detectors for that area being protected).

Exception: This restriction does not apply to thermal or flame detection devices or to residential occupancies.

### **5-5 RENOVATION TO EXISTING SYSTEMS.**

#### **5-5.1 Existing Control Panels**

Replace existing non-addressable fire alarm panels with a new analog/addressable panel when a project includes fire alarm work.

**5-5.1.1** New devices and circuits must be addressable.

**5-5.1.2** The existing devices can remain, but must be connected to the new panel via a monitor module or control module.

**5-5.1.3** Submit battery calculations that verify the power supply being provided is capable of supporting the electrical load of the new and existing devices.

#### **5-5.2 Complete Replacement**

If the existing system is to be completely replaced all conductors must be replaced with new.

#### **5-5.3 Partial Renovation**

If the work involves only partial renovation of a facility and is providing a new fire alarm control panel for the renovated areas, demolish the existing FACP. The existing circuits in the areas of the building that is not being renovated may be retained, if not replaced, and connected to the new fire alarm control panel via monitor modules or control modules.

### **5-6 INITIATING DEVICES.**

#### **5-6.1 Flow Switch**

Provide a separate address for each flow switch.

#### **5-6.2 Supervisory Air or Gas**

Monitor high and low gas pressure on dry pipe systems on a per riser basis as a supervisory function with the building fire alarm system.

#### **5-6.3 Manual Pull Station**

Provide addressable double action type manual pull stations with mechanical reset features. If the manual alarm station requires a key for reset, it must be the same key as required for the fire alarm control panel.

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#### **5-6.4 Underfloor Smoke Detector Identification**

When under-floor smoke detectors are provided, provide a framed CAD drawn floor plan showing the location of the devices in the room. Locate a single framed drawing outside of the space that contain smoke detectors and adjacent to the main entrance to that space.

#### **5-6.5 Remote Test Switch**

Provide remote test switches and remote light emitting diodes (LED's) for each duct smoke detector.

#### **5-6.6 Power Shunt-Trip**

For shunt-tripping of power supplies, provide listed control relays located within 1m (3 ft.) of the shunt trip breaker. Operation of relay shall be controlled by a listed fire alarm control unit. Relay shall function within the voltage and current limitations of the fire alarm control unit. Relay contacts shall be listed for the connected load.

#### **5-6.7 Sleeping Rooms and Duty Rooms**

Provide 24 Vdc photoelectric analog/addressable smoke detectors in all barracks, dormitories, lodges, temporary or transient living facilities sleeping rooms and entry/common area to bedrooms, and duty rooms located in business or other occupancies.

The smoke detectors shall be provided with sounder bases.

Smoke detectors in sleeping rooms must cause the sounder base to activate for all smoke detectors in that suite and an alarm signal to activate at the FACP, but must not activate the building's evacuation alarm.

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## **5-7 WIRING, CIRCUITS AND CONDUIT.**

### **5-7.1 Conductor Terminations**

All terminations must be at a terminal strip.

### **5-7.2 Device Termination**

All devices must have screw terminals.

### **5-7.3 Conductors**

Pull all conductors splice free. The use of wire nuts, crimped connectors, or twisting of conductors is prohibited.

### **5-7.4 Conductor Installation**

Run all wiring to control panels in the vertical or horizontal plane, make all turns at 90 degree angles, and tightly bundle, wrap, and identify all conductors individually with permanent markings.

### **5-7.5 Conductor Type**

All wiring must be solid copper, except for speaker circuits or circuits requiring shielding.

### **5-7.6 Conductor Size**

All signaling line and initiating device circuits must be minimum 16 gauge wire.

### **5-7.7 Optical Flame Detector**

Initiating device circuits used for optical flame detection devices must use shielded cable.

### **5-7.8 Identification**

Paint all fire alarm junction boxes and covers red in unfinished areas (i.e., above ceilings, mechanical rooms, etc). In finished areas, conduit and junction boxes can be painted to match the room finish, the inside cover of the junction box must be identified as "Fire Alarm" and the conduit must have painted red bands  $\frac{3}{4}$  - inch (20 mm) wide at 20 foot (6.0 m) intervals and on both sides of a floor, wall, or ceiling penetration.

## **5-8 CONNECTION TO BASEWIDE REPORTING SYSTEMS.**

#### **5-8.1 Existing Base Reporting System**

Provide fire alarm reporting compatible with the existing base fire reporting system.

#### **5-8.2 Distinct Signals**

Where the base reporting system has the capability, alarm of any sleeping room smoke detector for barracks, dormitories, lodges, and temporary or transient living facilities must send a separate and distinct signal via the base fire reporting system.

### **5-9 CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTION**

#### **5-9.1 Required CO Detection**

Provide carbon monoxide detection in facilities with fossil fuel burning appliances, equipment, stoves, or fireplaces as required in NFPA 720.

#### **5-9.2 Location**

Detectors shall be located in each room/space where the fossil fuel burning appliances(s) are located and in each HVAC zone served by a separate air handler in the building.

#### **5-9.3 Notification**

Activation of a carbon monoxide detection device shall initiate a voice notification message distinctly different from a fire alarm notification and transmit a unique signal/message to the constantly attended location.

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## CHAPTER 6 SPECIAL OCCUPANCIES AND HAZARDS

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### 6-1 GENERAL

The requirement of Chapter 6 provide specific criteria for special or unique occupancies and hazards in addition to the general requirement of Chapters 1 through 5.

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### 6-2 PERSONNEL HOUSING AND SIMILAR LODGING FACILITIES.

These facilities include barracks, dormitories \2\ including apartment style, /2/ lodges, temporary or transient living facilities, and sleeping quarters for over 10 persons.

#### 6-2.1 Automatic Sprinkler Protection

Complete automatic sprinkler protection must be provided for buildings that include personnel housing and lodging. NFPA 13 or NFPA 13R, Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies up to and Including Four Stories in Height, sprinkler systems are permitted when listed for the specific use.

#### 6-2.2 Smoke Detection

Provide smoke detectors in accordance with NFPA 101, Life Safety Code. A smoke detector must be provided for each sleeping room regardless of occupancy or the presence of other detection or protection systems in the building. When activated, the affected detector must generate an audible signal in the room. Primary power for the smoke detectors can be \2\ 24 Vdc and secondary (back-up) power shall be provided from the fire alarm system control panel. Detectors with a battery as the primary power source are not permitted. Detectors with 120 Vac primary power and battery secondary (back-up) power are not permitted. /2/

Note: For existing Air Force unsprinklered facilities, a heat detector is provided in each sleeping room that sounds a general building alarm and transmits a signal to the fire department or to a constantly monitored central location.

#### 6-2.3 Open Bay Personnel Housing.

Provide a supervised smoke detection system in accordance with NFPA 72. Locate smoke detectors in open bay sleeping areas and exit access corridors. Install units that sound a general building alarm and transmit a signal to the fire department or to a constantly monitored central location. Corridor detectors are

not required if the building is protected with complete automatic sprinkler protection.

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#### **6-2.4 Common Cooking Areas.**

\2\ Common kitchen/cooking areas in unsprinklered facilities that are provided with residential type range top cooking surfaces (i.e., not in individual or apartment style living units) must be equipped with an approved residential range top extinguishing system. The range top extinguishing system must be connected to the building fire alarm system to sound a general building fire alarm. /2/

#### **6-2.5 Storage Areas, Shops, and Laundry Areas.**

Protect storage areas, shops, laundry areas, and other hazardous areas as required by NFPA 101. In many cases, this will require both automatic sprinklers and fire rated construction. Where these areas are required to be sprinklered in buildings without complete automatic sprinkler protection, connect to domestic plumbing (with a maximum of 6 sprinklers) in accordance with NFPA 13. \2\2/

### **6-3 FAMILY HOUSING.**

This section includes one-family, two-family, and multi-family dwellings. \2\2/

#### **6-3.1 Multi-Family Housing.**

Multi-family housing is defined as more than two dwelling units under one roof. \2\ Multi-family housing shall comply either with NFPA 101 or the IBC 2009. /2/

#### **6-3.2 One and Two Family Housing**

\2\ One and two family housing must comply with either NFPA 101 or the IRC 2009. /2/

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#### **6-3.3 Existing Multi-Family Housing.**

\2\2/ In accordance with Office of Under Secretary of Defense memorandum dated 14 January 2002, all windows in existing housing must comply with NFPA 101 as a secondary means of escape by 2007, unless a waiver is obtained from the component's AHJ.

##### **6-3.3.1 Whole House Improvement Projects.**

These requirements apply to the following projects.

**6-3.3.1.1 Projects That Exceed 50% of the Replacement Cost.**

Ensure that a minimum of 1-hour fire resistive construction is provided between dwelling units, and between the dwelling unit and attached parking. Provide sprinkler protection \2\2/.

**6-3.3.1.2 Projects That are Less Than 50% of the Replacement Cost.**

Provide hard-wired smoke alarms in the hallway between the bedroom areas and the rest of the dwelling unit, and on each additional story of the family living unit, including the basement. The smoke alarms should be interconnected so that when one goes into alarm, they all will go into alarm. The smoke alarms must comply with the requirements of NFPA 72 and NFPA 101.

**6-3.3.1.3 Minor Improvement and Repair Projects.**

For minor improvement and repair projects, depending on the scope of the project, sprinkler protection should be considered for installation. At a minimum, smoke alarms must obtain power that uses the commercial light and power source, and must be located on every level of the dwelling unit.

Note: For projects that are cutting into a third of the walls, sprinkler protection can be provided with minimal cost impact to the project.

**6-3.3.2 Kitchen Improvements.**

For all improvement or repair projects involving major kitchen renovation, it is recommended to provide sprinkler protection in the kitchen if sprinkler protection is not included in the project. The installation of sprinklers must comply with the requirements of NFPA 13, NFPA 13D or NFPA 13R. \2\ /2/ Residential range top extinguisher units are not required in new, revitalized or existing housing. If residential range top extinguisher units are installed, the units, upon activation, must automatically shut off all sources of fuel and electric power that produce heat to the equipment being protected by that unit.

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**6-3.4 Off-Base Housing Requirements.**

Family housing located outside military installations or bases must comply with provisions of \2\the paragraph above entitled "Family Housing" /2/ and must comply with applicable local fire and building codes when the local fire department has "first due" responsibility.

**6-3.5 Overseas Housing Requirements.**

Overseas family housing, constructed or leased- constructed, must comply with provisions of \2\ the paragraph above entitled "Family Housing" /2/ and the host nation fire protection requirements. \2\ /2/

### **6-3.6 Leased Family Housing.**

DoD personnel occupying leased housing deserve the same level of protection as those in DoD-owned housing. Implementation of these standards is therefore mandatory for all housing leased for DoD use. This requirement is intended to cover all situations, including privatized buildings, and host-nation and other foreign government buildings. This requirement is applicable for all new leases executed on or after 1 October 2006 and to renewal or extension of any existing lease on or after 1 October 2007. Leases executed prior to the above fiscal years will comply with these requirements where possible.

#### **6-3.6.1 New Buildings.**

Buildings that are built to lease to DoD as of the effective date established above must comply with the standards for new construction.

#### **6-3.6.2 Existing Buildings.**

New leases or renewals of leases of existing buildings will trigger the aforementioned requirements in accordance with the effective dates established above.

### **6-4 FOOD PREPARATION IN FACILITIES**

#### **6-4.1 Cooking Facilities for Other than Dwelling Units.**

Hood and duct systems for commercial cooking equipment that produces smoke or grease-laden vapors must comply with NFPA 96, Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations. Limit kitchen-extinguishing systems to wet chemical or automatic sprinklers installed in accordance with NFPA 96. Install fire suppression systems that sound a general building fire alarm and transmit a signal to the fire department or to a constantly monitored location.

#### **6-4.2 Cooking Equipment in Facilities.**

Areas, other than dwelling units \3\ and /3/ \2\ in sprinklered buildings, with residential type range top cooking surfaces must be equipped with an approved residential range top extinguishing system or the stoves shall be equipped with burners and controls that have their temperature limited to a maximum temperature of 662 degrees F (350 degrees C).

If a range top extinguishing system is provided, it must be connected to the building fire alarm system to sound a general building fire alarm and must automatically shut off all sources of fuel and electric power that produce heat to the equipment being protected by that unit. /2/

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**6-5 DETENTION AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

**6-5.1 Requirements.**

Comply with NFPA 101 and the following:

**6-5.1.1** Individual fire areas must not exceed 4647 m<sup>2</sup> (50,000 ft<sup>2</sup>).

**6-5.1.2** Construction type must not be less than Type I - A, as defined in the IBC.

**6-5.1.3** Provide a minimum separation from other structures and public ways of 20 ft (6.1 m).

**6-5.1.4** Provide complete automatic sprinkler protection. Design must utilize institutional (breakaway) type sprinklers in areas accessible to inmates. Sprinkler piping in inmate areas must be concealed.

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**6-5.1.5** Provide an automatic smoke control system in cell areas. In addition, provide manual system activation controls at a continuously manned position outside of the cell area. Design the smoke control system in accordance with NFPA 92A, Standard for Smoke Control Systems Utilizing Barriers and Pressure Differences.

**6-5.1.6** Provide for constant visual supervision of cell areas. If this supervision is by direct line of sight by a central supervisory control area, then the area must be separated by not less than one-hour fire rated construction.

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**6-5.1.7** Fire alarm notification in cell areas may be at a constantly attended location, with inmates notified by the staff of fire events. Positive alarm sequence may be provided in accordance with NFPA 72.

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**6-5.1.1 Locking Devices.**

Provide mechanical or electrical gang and individual release devices whenever 10 or more locks must be operated to release prisoners confined in cells. Require gang release devices to open doors necessary to evacuate prisoners to an area of refuge. Require heavy, identically keyed, prison-type locks for exit and corridor doors not requiring gang release devices that must be opened for evacuation in the event of fire.

Exception: Dormitory-style confinement facilities.

\1\ Note: Navy facilities must also comply with the ACA's Planning and Design Guide for Secure Adult and Juvenile Facilities. /1/

**6-5.2 Interior Finish.**

Interior finish including padded cells must be Class A flame spread (i.e., 25 or less) and must have a SD rating not exceeding 50 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84.

**6-6 LIBRARIES.**

Eliminate combustible shelving, stacks, cases, cabinets, fixtures, furniture, and furnishings to the maximum practical extent. Use noncombustible wall and ceiling finish materials.

**6-6.1 Facilities with Sprinkler Protection.**

In buildings equipped with automatic sprinklers, protect libraries with automatic sprinklers.

**6-6.2 Facilities without Sprinkler Protection.**

In buildings not equipped with sprinkler protection, provide the following protection features for those libraries containing materials that are rare, irreplaceable, or important to the activity mission:

For buildings of fire resistive or noncombustible construction, install smoke detection systems throughout the library area and provide a fire cutoff having a fire resistance rating of at least 1 hour to separate the library from other occupancies.

Provide complete automatic sprinkler protection for libraries in buildings of combustible construction. Separate the library from the remainder of the building by firewalls having a fire resistance rating of at least 2 hours.

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**6-7 CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

**6-7.1 Child Development Centers (CDC) .**

CDCs must conform to the requirements of NFPA 101 for day care centers and UFC 4-740-14, Child Development Centers.

Note: Army and Air Force use standardized designs to comply with these requirements.

**6-7.2 Other Child Development Facilities.**

Other child development facilities include part-day, preschool, kindergarten, before and after school programs, school-age facilities, etc. Comply with the provisions of educational occupancies in NFPA 101. Youth centers shall also comply with UFC 4-740-06, Youth Centers.

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## **6-8 ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT INSTALLATIONS.**

These areas include major automatic data processing (ADP) areas, communication centers, command and control systems, and other mission critical systems. Incidental electronic equipment such as word processing stations, printers, and systems; desk top computers; office automation systems; individual data output stations (e.g., printers, etc.); individual computer work stations; telephones; video conference centers; administrative telephone rooms; reproduction equipment; and similar equipment do not require protection under this section.

### **6-8.1 Requirements.**

Construct and protect electronic equipment installations in accordance with \2\ ANSI/NFPA 75, Fire Protection of Information Technology Equipment /2/ , except as modified by this UFC.

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#### **6-8.1.1 Smoke Detection.**

Electronic equipment rooms and spaces must be protected by early warning smoke detection systems. Systems shall provide not less than 3 distinct alarm conditions/levels indicating increasing smoke/combustion conditions. Early warning smoke detection must notify equipment operators at all alarm levels and the constantly attended alarm receiving location for all facilities where operators are not in constant attendance.

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#### **6-8.1.2 Automatic Sprinkler Protection.**

Electronic equipment installations must be located in buildings protected by wet-pipe automatic sprinklers. Provide complete coverage throughout the building including electronic equipment areas. \1\ /1/ Electrical equipment \1\ should be protected /1/ by disconnecting the power upon activation of the fire protection system \1\ in the electronic spaces /1/.

\1\ Exception: The power disconnect method may be by manual means for spaces that are constantly occupied (24 hours per day, 7 days a week)./1/

#### **6-8.1.3 Use of a Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing System.**



Consideration may be given to the use of a supplementary clean agent fire extinguishing system inside the electronic equipment units or a total flooding system for the room and raised floor. Supplementary clean agent fire extinguishing systems will augment the wet-pipe automatic sprinkler system and will not be considered as a substitute. Air sampling and Very Early Smoke Detection devices will be allowed to activate a clean agent fire extinguishing system provided approval from the AHJ is obtained.

#### **6-8.1.4 Power and Communication Cabling.**

Power and communication (data) cabling installed in spaces above ceilings or below raised floors must be plenum rated, or installed in 1/1 conduit in accordance with NFPA 70 /1/. If this cannot be achieved, the spaces must be protected by an automatic fire suppression system as listed in item 2 in the paragraph entitled "Existing Facilities".

#### **6-8.1.5 Area Below Raised Floors.**

The 2/2 ANSI/NFPA 75 /2/ fire suppression system is not required under the raised floor if the paragraph entitled "Power and Communication Cabling" is met.

#### **6-8.2 Existing Facilities.**

For existing facilities that contain non-plenum rated cables under the raised floor and do not have an automatic fire extinguishing system under the raised floor provide one of the following:

- 1) Develop a plan to replace all non-plenum rated cable with plenum rated cable within a 5 year period.
- 2) Provide a non-halocarbon clean agent fire extinguishing or automatic sprinkler system for under the raised floor. If a halocarbon agent is desired, the entire occupiable space and area under the raised floor must be protected with the halocarbon agent.

### **6-9 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (TELECOM) ROOMS AND BUILDINGS.**

Telecom rooms and buildings contain equipment that serves a base or portion of a base. This section does not apply to the room of a building that contains the incoming telecommunications service for that specific building.

#### **6-9.1 Requirements.**

Telecom rooms and buildings must comply with NFPA 76, Fire Protection of Telecommunications Facilities. The advisory provisions of NFPA 76 shall be mandatory, as though the word "shall" had been substituted for "should" wherever it appears.

**6-9.2 Construction.**

Telecom rooms must only be located in buildings of Type I or Type II-A construction. Single story buildings may be of Type II-B construction.

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**6-9.3 Smoke Detection.**

Telecom equipment rooms and spaces must be protected by early warning smoke detection systems. Systems shall provide not less than 3 distinct alarm conditions/levels indicating increasing smoke/combustion conditions. Early warning smoke detection must notify equipment operators at all alarm levels and the constantly attended alarm receiving location for all facilities where operators are not in constant attendance.

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**6-9.4 Multiple Tenant Facility.**

For buildings that house a Telecom Room, the entire building must be provided with sprinkler protection, including the Telecom Room.

**6-9.5 Stand-alone Telecom Buildings.**

For a stand-alone Telecom building greater than 2,500 ft<sup>2</sup> (232 m<sup>2</sup>) provide a fire extinguishing system (i.e., clean agent fire extinguishing system or automatic sprinkler system).

**6-10 ORDNANCE**

**6-10.1 Ordnance Production Facilities.**

Ordnance facilities used for manufacturing, maintaining, demilitarizing, handling, processing, testing, servicing, and inspection of ammunition, explosives, propellants and oxidizers or related devices containing these materials must have complete automatic sprinkler protection and comply with DOD 6055.9-STD, DOD Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards. \2\ Note: These facilities are often known as “ammunition plants / depots” and do not include organizational facilities for user level inspection, servicing, and issue. /2/ Requirements for IBC Group H occupancies must be followed in the absence of specific guidance in DOD 6055.9-STD and the individual service regulations based directly on DOD 6055.9-STD. The service regulations include:

For Navy projects, NAVSEA OP-5, Ammunition and Explosives Ashore Safety Regulations for Handling, Storing, Production, Renovation, and Shipping.

For Army projects, Army AR 385-64, U.S Army Explosives Safety Program; U.S Army National Guard NGR 385-64, U.S. Army Ammunition and Explosives

Safety Standards; and the Army Material Command Regulation 385-100, Safety Manual.

For Air Force projects, Air Force AFMAN 91-201, Explosives Safety Standard.

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#### **6-10.1.1 Risk Assessment.**

All munitions production, maintenance, renovation, quality assurance and demilitarization operations will receive a risk assessment to identify potential fire and thermal threats and to assess the level of risk. The hazard must be accurately defined. A potential fire and or thermal hazard whose level of risk is high or extremely high is unacceptable. The risk assessment will consider factors such as:

- Initiation sensitivity
- Quantity of material
- Heat output
- Burning rate
- Potential ignition and initiation sources
- Protection capabilities
- Personnel exposure
- Munitions configuration
- Process equipment
- Process layout
- The building layout.

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#### **6-10.1.2 Sprinkler Protection.**

Automatic sprinkler systems in ordnance facilities must be provided with flexible couplings and sway bracing similar to that provided for buildings in earthquake zones. Complete automatic sprinkler protection is required for ordnance facilities used for manufacturing, maintaining, demilitarizing, handling, processing, testing, servicing, and inspection of ammunition, explosives, pyrotechnics, propellants, and oxidizers or related devices containing these materials, unless such a system will aggravate the hazard. The following guidelines for automatic sprinkler protection must apply:

**6-10.1.2.1** Where exposed thermally energetic materials are handled that have a high probability of ignition, a large thermal output and a high probability of causing personnel injury, operations must be protected using ultra high-speed deluge systems. Ultra high-speed deluge systems have a response time of 100 milliseconds (ms) or less. Response time is measured from the time that an energy source is presented to the detector to the time of initial water flow from the critical nozzle, which is normally the nozzle closest to the hazard. Ultra high-speed detectors usually consist of preprimed water delivery system, optical flame detectors, and electronic controller. The paragraph entitled "Ultra High-Speed Deluge Systems" provides guidance on ultra high-speed deluge systems. NFPA 15, Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection, and the NFPA Handbook provide additional information on ultra high-speed deluge systems.

**6-10.1.2.2** Provide high-speed (operation of 500 milliseconds or less), preprimed deluge systems wherever exposed explosives, pyrotechnics, or propellants are processed or stored in ordnance production facilities. Complete protection of such locations is essential.

**6-10.1.2.3** Provide ordinary deluge systems, wet-pipe systems, or preaction systems in other areas or auxiliary sections of buildings in which processing of explosives, pyrotechnics, or propellants takes place.

**6-10.1.2.4** Provide ordinary deluge systems, wet-pipe systems, or pre-action systems in other areas or auxiliary sections of buildings in which storage of explosives or propellants takes place.

**6-10.1.2.5** Provide wet-pipe sprinkler systems in other areas or auxiliary sections of buildings if separated by fire partitions.

**6-10.1.2.6** Provide wet-pipe or pre-action sprinkler systems where missile assembly inspection or storage is carried on and where the propellant is confined within the missile, or warheads are present. Similar protection must be provided for torpedo and air underwater weapons shops.

**6-10.1.2.7** Heat detection equipment of any type is acceptable if equipment meets the operating time limitations and is suitable in other respects, such as complying with explosion-proof requirements. When pneumatic-type detection equipment is used, not more than three detectors, and preferably only one, must be on a single circuit. The detectors must be in the same heat influence area.

**6-10.1.2.8** All fire protection systems protecting ordnance operations must have complete supervision so that any deficiency that develops that would affect the speed or reliability of operation will give a distinct alarm separate from the water flow alarm.

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**6-10.1.3 Ultra High-Speed Deluge Systems.**

Comply with the requirements of NFPA 15, except as noted in this standard.

**6-10.1.3.1 Response Time**

- Response time must be the time for system operation from the presentation of an energy source to the detector to flow of water from the water spray nozzle being tested.
- Ultra high-speed deluge systems must be designed to have a response time of not more than 100 milliseconds, unless a risk assessment or other data indicates a need for a faster response time.

**6-10.1.3.2 Timers.**

- Timers or similar devices to stop water flow after a predetermined time are permitted if they are fail-safe (i.e., water continues to flow in the event of a timer failure).
- Timers or similar devices that shut off the water flow after a predetermined time (typically 1 to 2 minutes) when the optical fire detectors no longer detect a fire are permitted. In case of a failure, it must fail in the on (water flowing) position.

**6-10.1.3.3 Design.**

Due to the speed of water coming from all the nozzles, ultra high-speed deluge systems depend on the detection system, piping network, nozzles and water supply characteristics. Only experienced designers, engineers, and installers who understand the system's limitations and capabilities should provide the design, specification, and installation of the deluge system.

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**6-10.1.4 Water Demands for Ultra High-Speed Deluge Systems.**

Water supplies for ultra high-speed deluge systems must be adequate to supply the total demand of the largest fire area at the specific residual pressure required by the system for a period of at least 15 minutes unless a hazard analysis indicates a longer flow time is needed. Provide a flow rate of at least 0.50 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> (20.4 L/m/m<sup>2</sup>) over the entire area protected by the ultra high-speed deluge system unless a hazard analysis indicates a higher flow rate is needed.

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**6-10.1.5 Small Self-Contained Deluge Systems.**

Currently, two types of small self-contained deluge systems are in use in military ordnance facilities. They may be used with the ultra high-speed deluge systems

discussed in this section, or alone if an adequate water supply is not available for the facility. These small self-contained deluge systems are primarily intended for personnel protection, although they provide some building/equipment protection. When used, these systems should be connected to the existing water supply if the water supply can be of some benefit.

**6-10.1.5.1** The portable deluge system is a transportable self-contained ultra high-speed deluge system. The system uses multiple optical fire detectors, multiple nozzles, and a pressurized water tank (typically 380 L (100 gallons) of water). Response time does not exceed 100 ms (detection to water at the nozzle). The portable system is intended to protect short-term operations. When possible, connect the portable deluge system to the building water supply for backup water.

**6-10.1.5.2** The pressurized sphere ultra high-speed deluge system is a small self-contained system. The system uses one or more optical fire detectors, at least one pressurized (typically 500 psi (3,447 kPa)) water sphere (typically 2.6 to 7.9 gallons (10 to 30 liters)) with a rupture disc and internal squib, and an electronic controller. Response time is less than 10 ms (detection to water at the nozzle). The sphere discharges water when the squib fires, opening the rupture disc. A screen breaks the water into small-atomized particles and collects the residual squib fragments.

## **6-10.2 Magazines and Bunkers.**

Magazines, storage facilities, and bunkers must be constructed and located in accordance with DOD 6055.9-STD. Storage facilities, magazines, and bunkers not located under the same roof as facilities used for handling, processing, testing, servicing, and inspection of ammunition, explosives, propellants, and oxidizers must be constructed and located in accordance with DOD 6055.9-STD. Automatic sprinklers and hydrant protection are not required for magazines, bunkers, and storage facilities similarly constructed and located.

## **6-10.3 Stored Missile Assemblies.**

Missile assemblies are considered to be large rocket type, Cruise missiles without their ordnance, Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, or Poseidon missiles.

**6-10.3.1** Provide sprinkler protection for all stored missile assemblies.

Exception: Munitions storage igloos that are in accordance with DOD explosive safety standards.

**6-10.3.2** Water demand for stored missile assemblies and all other ordnance facilities requiring sprinkler protection must meet or exceed the design requirements in \3\ the paragraph entitled, "Sprinkler Density and Hose Stream Requirements" for Hazard Category 2. /3/ For Air Force projects, refer to AFMAN 91-201, Explosives Safety Standards.

**6-10.4 Other Ordnance Facilities.**

**6-10.4.1** All other ordnance facilities including munitions, weapons, and missile maintenance facilities require sprinkler protection.

**6-10.4.2** Water demand for other ordnance facilities must meet or exceed the design requirements in \3\ the paragraph entitled, "Sprinkler Density and Hose Stream Requirements" for Hazard Category 2. /3/ For Air Force projects, refer to AFMAN 91-201, Explosives Safety Standards.

**6-11 WAREHOUSES AND STORAGE FACILITIES.**

These criteria apply to facilities (except ordnance) used for storage, shipping, receiving, packing, and processing of materials.

**6-11.1 Sprinkler Protection.**

Complete automatic sprinkler protection must be provided for warehouses and storage facilities 5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (465 m<sup>2</sup>) or greater. Sprinklers must be provided for smaller facilities containing materials, equipment and supplies that are mission essential, pose a severe fire hazard, are of high monetary value, pose a safety or environmental health risk, or expose an important structure. Sprinkler protection must include covered loading docks.

- Sprinkler protection must be based on Class IV commodities, as defined by NFPA 13, unless a more severe class of storage is anticipated, and must be based on the maximum potential height of storage.
- In-rack sprinklers must be supplied from risers which are separate from the ceiling sprinklers, except in existing facilities.
- Racks with solid shelves over 12 ft (3.7 m) in height must be protected with in-rack sprinklers at every tier or shelf level.
- Sprinkler riser control valves must be readily accessible to the fire department from the exterior.

Exception: For DLA projects, sprinkler riser control valves must be in separate exterior riser room (s) and readily accessible to the fire department.

**6-11.1.1 Duration.**

The minimum duration for warehouse facilities must be 120 minutes.

**6-11.1.2 Hose Stream Allowance.**

Provide a hose stream allowance of 500 gpm (1900 Lpm).

## **6-11.2 Bin Storage.**

Bin storage consists of five-sided, open from top or side storage containers, stacked in rack structures. They are commonly used in automatic storage and retrieval systems. Bin storage requires unique considerations for fire protection. Bin storage configurations do not limit oxygen supply. Horizontal flame spread can be rapid. The narrower the aisles and the higher the storage, the less ceiling sprinkler water penetration is delivered to control the fire.

### **6-11.2.1 Requirements.**

Protection of bin storage stacked in rack configuration must be in accordance with NFPA 13. Combustible bins in racks present a greater fire hazard and require a 10 percent increase in ceiling density or one additional level of in-rack sprinklers. Bin storage not stacked in a rack configuration must be protected in accordance with NFPA 13. Mini-storage and retrieval systems and carousel storage must be protected in accordance with FM Global Data Sheet 8-33, Carousel Storage and Retrieval Systems \2\ or FM Global Data Sheet 8-34, Automatic Storage and Retrieval Systems. /2/

## **6-11.3 Column Protection.**

Steel columns located within rack storage areas (actually surrounded by racks) over 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (929 m<sup>2</sup>) must be protected by 2-hour fire rated construction, or applied fireproofing, or by sidewall sprinklers at 10 ft (3 m) elevation intervals pointing directly at the column and in accordance with NFPA 15.

## **6-11.4 Fire Area Limitation and Separation.**

Warehouse fire areas must not exceed 60,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (5,574 m<sup>2</sup>). Warehouse fire areas may be increased to 120,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (11,148 m<sup>2</sup>) with the following provisions:

- Ceiling sprinkler design area must be increased by 10 percent. ESFR sprinklers must increase the required number to be calculated by 10 percent.
- Dedicated looped fire water mains must be provided with enough sectional valves to isolate each sprinkler lateral around the warehouse.
- A secondary fire pump must be provided when a fire pump is provided.

## **6-11.5 Fire Walls.**

Fire walls separating warehouse and storage fire areas must be of 4-hour fire rated construction. Other occupancies such as offices and shops must be



separated from the warehouse and storage area by a minimum of one-hour fire rated construction.

**6-11.5.1 Openings in 4-Hour Rated Fire Walls.**

Openings in 4-hour rated fire walls must be protected by 3-hour Class A fire doors in accordance with NFPA 80, on both sides of the wall. Personnel doors may be protected by a single Class A fire door. Fire doors must be labeled by an NRTL, refer to the paragraph entitled Limiting Interior Fire Spread”.

**6-11.5.2 Conveyor and Mechanical Handling System Penetrations.**

When mechanical handling systems such as conveyors are required to penetrate fire walls, and fire doors are not feasible, the opening must be protected on both sides of the wall by a deluge water spray tunnel system in accordance with FM Global Data Sheet 1-23, Protection of Openings in Fire Subdivisions. The deluge water spray tunnel system must consist of a separate water spray system for both sides of the opening, and a metal or masonry enclosure around the opening extending a minimum of 5 ft (1.5 m) from both sides of the wall. The spray system must consist of open spray nozzles that provide a minimum of 2.0 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> (1.356 L/s per m<sup>2</sup>) of opening and must be activated by heat detectors. Any detector must activate both systems simultaneously. The systems must be supplied from a separate riser independent of the overhead sprinkler system. Each system must be equipped with a control valve. The water supply must be capable of supplying the deluge systems in addition to other required fire protection demands. Operation of any deluge system or sprinkler system protecting the area of the handling system must automatically shut down the handling system.

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**6-12 STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE.**

**6-12.1 Flammable/Hazardous (Flam/Haz) Storage.**

Flam/Haz storage includes storage of flammable and combustible liquids as well as storage of materials that are classified as hazardous materials. Provide protection for facilities storing flammable and combustible liquids and other petroleum oil lubricant (POL) products in accordance with NFPA 30, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code. Class IIIB combustible liquids must be protected in the same manner as Class IIIA combustible liquids in accordance with NFPA 30. A single building is often used for storage of both flammable and combustible liquids and hazardous materials. Requirements for the storage of hazardous waste are separate and distinct from the storage of hazardous materials.

Note: For Navy facilities used to store hazardous materials, also refer to UFC 4-442-01N, Covered Storage. For Navy and Air Force facilities used to store hazardous waste, also refer to UFC 4-451-10N, Hazardous Waste Storage.

### **6-12.1.1 Warehouse Areas for Storage of Flammable Liquids, Solids, and Hazardous Materials.**

Warehouse areas for storage of flammable liquids, solids, and hazardous materials and chemicals must not exceed 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (1,858 m<sup>2</sup>) between fire walls and travel distance must not be more than 75 ft (23 m) (100 ft (30.5 m) if sprinklered) to the nearest fire exit. Fire walls must have a minimum 4-hour rating. Ceiling height must not exceed 30 ft (9.1 m).

\1\ Provide a minimum of 2-hour fire rated construction between hazardous materials storage areas and those used for storage of flammable and combustible liquids. These areas must be labeled as "Hazardous Materials Only," and must also be labeled as to the type of sprinkler protection present in each room. /1/

### **6-12.2 Flammable and Combustible Liquid Storage Areas.**

Provide automatic sprinkler protection. Ceiling and in-rack sprinklers must be designed in accordance with and NFPA 30 and installed in accordance with NFPA 13. Aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) systems may be used where permitted by NFPA 30. The following minimum criteria must apply:

- Provide a minimum longitudinal flue space of 12 in (305 mm) between double row racks and 9 in (230 mm) between single row racks and the wall.
- Provide ceiling level sprinklers and in-rack sprinklers. The in-rack sprinklers must protect the longitudinal flue space and must be located at every level of rack storage.

Exception: Where multiple levels of rack storage are used below the 6 ft (1.83 m) level for hand picking operations, provide one extra row of in-rack sprinklers in the longitudinal flue space at the 3 ft (0.914 m) level. The first level of storage must not be a minimum of 1 ft (305 mm) above the finished floor level to facilitate easier cleanup of spills.

### **6-12.3 Hazardous Materials Storage Areas.**

**6-12.3.1** \1\ /1/ Provide automatic sprinklers at the ceiling level as well as one mandatory level of in-rack sprinklers (i.e., in the flue space between the rack and the wall) located at or slightly above the midpoint with respect to overall storage height.

**6-12.3.2** In hazardous material storage \1\ facilities with /1/ areas \1\ or rooms that will /1/ not contain flammable or combustible liquids, design ceiling sprinkler densities based on the storage of Class IV commodities in NFPA 13. \1\ Identify these areas or rooms for storage of ordinary combustibles only, i.e., no storage of flammable or combustible liquids. /1/

**6-12.3.3** In water reactive areas, provide automatic sprinklers with an indicating valve to be locked in the closed position. Provide a metal sign stating the indicating valve is to remain locked in the closed position unless non-water reactive material is stored in the room. The sign can be attached to a chain and connected to the indicating valve or fastened permanently to the wall provided it does not interfere with the operation of the valve. Locate the indicating valve outside the water reactive storage area.

#### **6-12.4 Hazardous Waste Storage Facilities.**

For hazardous waste storage facility requirements, refer to the following:

- NFPA 30, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code
- NFPA 430, Storage of Liquid and Solid Oxidizers
- NFPA 434, Storage of Pesticides
- NFPA 490, Storage of Ammonium Nitrate

#### **6-12.4.1 Fire Protection for Hazardous Waste Storage Facilities.**

The following minimum criteria must be provided:

##### **6-12.4.1.1 Exterior Fire Walls**

- Exterior walls must consist of 4-hour fire resistive construction when the facility is attached to a structure or it is located within 10 ft (3 m) of another building or property line.
- Exterior walls must consist of 2-hour fire resistive construction when the facility is located more than 10 ft (3 m) but less than 50 ft (15.3 m) from a \1\ /1/ building or property line.
- Exterior walls must be of noncombustible construction when the facility is more than 50 ft (50 ft15.3 m) from another building or property line.

##### **6-12.4.1.2 Interior Fire Walls.**

- Interior fire walls must have a 4-hour fire rating if the facility is located within a structure that houses other occupancies.

- Interior fire walls must have a 2-hour fire rating when the area of the room is greater than 300 ft<sup>2</sup> (28 m<sup>2</sup>).
- Interior fire walls must have a one-hour rating when the area of the room is 300 ft<sup>2</sup> (28 m<sup>2</sup>) or less.

#### **6-12.4.1.3 Sprinkler Protection.**

Install sprinkler systems suitable for a corrosive environment, in accordance with NFPA 13.

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#### **6-12.5 Secondary Containment.**

Provide secondary containment for flammable and combustible liquids, hazardous materials, and hazardous waste in accordance with NFPA 30.

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#### **6-12.6 Prefabricated Structures.**

Prefabricated structures (which may be portable) are an acceptable means of storing flammable and hazardous materials and hazardous waste provided they meet the requirements of \1\ the chapter entitled "Hazardous Materials Storage Lockers" in /1/ NFPA 30 \1\ (Chapter 14 /1/ of the \1\ 2008 /1/ edition to provide a reference).

#### **6-12.7 Outdoor Storage Limitations and Separation.**

Flammable and combustible liquid outdoor storage includes any storage that is covered by a roof to provide weather protection for containers. The same area may have one or two (but no more than two) walls. Flammable and combustible liquid outdoor storage area must not be more than 400 ft (122 m) long or wide and each area must be separated by 100 ft (30.5 m). No container or portable tank in a pile must be more than 200 ft (61 m) from a 40-ft (12.2 m) wide minimum fire lane to permit approach of fire control apparatus under all weather and ground surface conditions. Fire hydrants must be located in accordance with NFPA 24, but must not be more than 300 ft (91 m) apart.

#### **6-12.8 Electric Wiring and Equipment.**

Where flammable liquids are dispensed or transferred between containers, electric wiring and equipment must be suitable for classified locations in accordance with NFPA 70. Where flammable liquids are not dispensed or transferred between containers, unclassified locations for electrical equipment may be provided.

#### **6-12.9 Ventilation.**

To maintain a continuous low level flammable vapor concentration, design and install mechanical ventilation system with 1 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.3 cu m/min/m<sup>2</sup>) airflow of floor area. The ventilation fan motors should be classified for ordinary locations.

Note: The low-level ventilation system will prevent accumulation of significant quantities of vapor-air mixture, in the event of a spill.

### **6-13 WATERFRONT FACILITIES.**

Naval waterfront and harbor facilities must comply with all of the following:

- NFPA 307, Construction and Fire Protection of Marine Terminals, Piers, and Wharves.
- NFPA 312, Fire Protection of Vessels During Construction, Repair, and Lay-Up.
- NFPA 303, Fire Protection Standard for Marinas and Boatyards.
- UFC 4-152-01, Piers and Wharves.
- UFC 4-150-02, Dockside Utilities for Ship Service.
- UFC 4-151-10, General Criteria for Waterfront Construction.
- UFC 4-213-10, Graving Drydocks.
- UFC 4-213-12, Drydocking Facilities Characteristics.

### **6-14 PETROLEUM FUEL FACILITIES.**

Petroleum fuel facilities must comply with UFC 3-460-01, Petroleum Fuel Facilities.

#### **6-14.1 Aboveground Vertical Tanks.**

Construction, separation and diking requirements for above ground vertical tanks storing flammable or combustible liquids are contained in UFC 3-460-01.

#### **6-14.2 Aboveground Vertical Tanks for Flammable \1\ and Combustible Liquids./1/**

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**6-14.2.1** Aboveground tanks containing Class I flammable fuels or mission-critical Class II combustible fuels, such as JP-8, shall be equipped with a full contact, aluminum honeycomb floating pan.

**6-14.2.2** Tanks containing Class II fuels that do not comply with the spacing and diking requirements of UFC 3-460-01 require a full contact, aluminum honeycomb floating pan.

**6-14.2.3** Tanks storing mission-critical Class III fuels, such as JP-5 and diesel fuel marine (F-76), if located in hot (desert-like) climate, require a full contact, aluminum honeycomb floating pan to eliminate the fuel/air interface.

**6-14.2.4 Stilling Wells.**

**6-14.2.4.1** Slotted stilling wells penetrating the floating pan used for the automatic tank gauge system having maximum total area of 78.5 in<sup>2</sup> (506.4 cm<sup>2</sup>) are allowed to be provided without a vapor sleeve (bellow).

**6-14.2.4.2** The slotted well used for manual measurements shall be equipped with an approved floating plug. The floating plug may be eliminated if the total area of all slotted stilling wells is less than or equal to 78.5 in<sup>2</sup> (506.4 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**6-14.3 Underground Vertical Storage Tanks**

Provide fire protection water mains, hydrants, valves, and pumps to permit control of brush and grass fires and for cooling of the aboveground piping and equipment associated with underground vertical storage tanks. Provide a minimum of two hydrants. Locate hydrants so that protected exposures can be reached through hose runs not exceeding 300 ft (91 m).

**6-14.4 Fuel Transfer Facilities.**

Facilities used for the transfer of flammable or combustible liquids to or from tank trucks, refuelers, tank cars, drums, or other portable containers shall be provided with portable dry chemical fire extinguishers of appropriate size, number and location.

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**6-14.5 Aircraft Direct Fueling.**

\1\ Provide firefighting equipment in accordance with service requirements. Refer to AFTO 00-25-172, NAVAIR 00-80R-14, NAVAIR 00-80T-109, AR 420-90, and NFPA 407, Standard for Aircraft Fuel Servicing.

**6-14.6 Fuel Pumping Facilities**

**6-14.6.1 Pumphouses, Pump Shelters, and Pump Pads**

- A Pump Pad does not have a roof or canopy.

- A Pump Shelter has a roof and at least one wall. The Pump Shelter is completely open with adequate fire department access and a total open wall area of 50 percent or more.
- A Pumphouse has a roof and a total wall area of 50 percent or more of the roof \2\ perimeter. /2/

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**6-14.6.2** Fuel pump houses supporting fuel hydrant systems or bulk fuel transfer systems that contain more than 50 percent of the installation's fuel hydrant pumping capacity in one fire area shall be protected with an automatic fire suppression system, such as a fire sprinkler system or foam water fire suppression system. Readily available mobile pumping equipment that has at least 50 percent of total pumping capacities can be used to eliminate need for a fire suppression system. Provide connection points in the fuel system for temporary mobile pumps in the event that a pump facility is lost.

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#### **6-14.7 Fuel Testing Laboratories**

Laboratories shall comply with the requirements of NFPA 45, Standard on Fire Protection for Laboratories Using Chemicals.

#### **6-14.8 Fuel Piers**

Protection for piers with fixed piping systems used for the transfer of flammable or combustible liquids in accordance with the following:

- UFC 4-152-01, Piers and Wharves.
- UFC 4-150-02, Dockside Utilities for Ship Service.
- NFPA 30, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code.
- NFPA 30A, Code for Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages.
- NFPA 307 (if liquids are handled in bulk quantities across general purpose piers and wharves) /1/

#### **6-15 HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS.**

Any combustible liquids under pressure must be treated as a flammable liquid.

##### **6-15.1 Petroleum-Based Hydraulic Fluids.**

The following requirements must apply:

**6-15.1.1** Provide automatic sprinklers directly over and at least 20 ft (6.1 m) beyond, the hydraulic equipment. Complete sprinkler protection is required if the structure is of combustible construction. Sprinklers may be omitted near a single small system or multiple adjacent small systems not exceeding 100 gal (380 L) aggregate capacity, and if the construction is noncombustible and ignition sources are not normally present, and provisions exist for automatic or manual shutdown of the system(s).

**6-15.1.2** An automatic switch, activated by sprinkler water flow alarm, fusible link, or other fire detector, must be provided to shut down the system if there is 100 gal (380 L) or more of hydraulic fluid.

**6-15.2 Hydraulic Test Systems.**

Hydraulic test systems must comply with the following:

**6-15.2.1** For hydraulic systems that use pressures exceeding 200 psi (1380 kPa), SAE 1010 dead-soft, cold-drawn, seamless-steel tubing (or equivalent) must be used. A factor of safety of eight over normal working pressure must be used. For systems with working pressures in excess of 2,500 psi (17,240 kPa), a factor of safety of four over normal working pressure is acceptable. Tubing is preferable to pipe. Tubing can be bent to fit in restricted spaces with a minimum number of fittings, reducing the number of possible leakage points. Solderless, steel fittings of the flareless "locking-sleeve" type or flare type must be used.

**6-15.2.2** Use of threaded pipe should be avoided. Where threaded connections are used, requirements of ANSI B1.20.1 Pipe Thread must be met. A safety factor of eight over maximum normal pressure must be used.

**6-15.2.3** Tubing runs must have as few bends as possible, but should have at least one bend to provide for thermal expansion and contraction. The minimum radius of tube bend must be three tube diameters.

**6-15.2.4** Where hose must be used for flexible connections, it must be steel reinforced, designed for the hydraulic fluid being used, and capable of withstanding five times the actual operating pressure. Hose couplings and fittings and minimum bending radius must be in accordance with the hose manufacturer's instructions. Hose must be installed so as not to rub against objects as a result of machine movement, vibration, or pressure surges.

**6-15.2.5** Piping and tubing must be anchored or secured to minimize failure due to vibration. Pipe supports must not prevent normal thermal expansion.

**6-15.2.6** There must be an accessible, well-marked, emergency shutoff switch for each pump.



**6-15.2.7** Provide automatic shutoff switch to deactivate hydraulic pump upon loss of pressure.

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**6-16 AIRCRAFT FACILITIES.**

**6-16.1 Aircraft Hangars.**

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Requirements listed in this section are applicable to both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft for fuel cell maintenance facilities, corrosion control and protective coating, and general-purpose maintenance hangars. These criteria apply to new hangars, the renovation or modernization of existing hangars, and permanent Tension Fabric Hangars. The passive fire protection and life safety requirements must comply with NFPA 101 and NFPA 409, Standard on Aircraft Hangars.

Note 1: For Air Force projects, refer to Air Force ETLs for requirements.

Note 2: For Navy / Marine Corps projects, refer to \2\ UFC 4-211-01N, Aircraft Maintenance Hangars, Type I, Type II, and Type III. /2/

Note 3: For Army helicopter hangar projects, refer to Army ETLs for requirements.

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**6-16.2 Tension Fabric Hangars.**

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The minimum separation between tension fabric hangars and all other structures will be 100 ft (30.5 m), with a clear zone of 50 ft (15.3 m) immediately adjacent to the tension fabric structure. The clear zone cannot be used for storage and must be clear of vegetation (maintained lawn is permitted). The clear zone may be used as a street or driveway, but not for vehicle parking.

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**6-16.3 Aircraft Weather Covering**

Weather coverings used for aircraft on the flightline (see Figure 6-7), regardless of material, do not require a fire detection or suppression system. Any permanent electrical devices or equipment (receptacles, lighting, or other similar devices) installed on the aircraft weather covering (sunshade) must comply with the requirements for aircraft hangars in NFPA 70.



**Figure 6-7 Examples of Weather Covering**

#### **6-16.4 Facilities Housing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)**

UAVs shall be protected in accordance with the paragraph entitled “Aircraft Hangars”, unless prior approval to deviate is obtained from the AHJ.

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#### **6-17 AIRCRAFT ACOUSTICAL ENCLOSURES.**

##### **6-17.1 Complete Enclosures (Hush-House).**

Requirements are the same as those listed in the paragraph entitled “Aircraft Facilities”, separate manual controls for actuation of each foam system provided in the control room.

Exception: Air Force installations containing approved gaseous fire extinguishing systems and high-expansion foam systems.

##### **6-17.2 Out of Airframe Acoustical Enclosures (Test Cells).**

Provide the requirements for complete acoustical enclosures listed in the paragraph entitled “Complete Enclosures (Hush-House)”. In lieu of an overhead AFFF system, the following may be provided:

An overhead water deluge system having a density of 0.35 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> (14.3 L/min/m<sup>2</sup>) over the entire floor area; and a water spray system for the engine having a density of 0.50 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> (20.4 L/min/m<sup>2</sup>) of engine surface area; and a water spray system for the floor area beneath the engine having a density of 0.50 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> (20.4 L/min/m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area.

Note 1: The overhead deluge system need not extend into the area where the water spray systems for the engine and floor are present.

Note 2: For Air Force projects, the required density for the water deluge system is 0.25 gpm (0.01579 L/s) per square foot over the entire floor area, and no floor level water spray is required.

#### **6-18 HYPERBARIC AND HYPOBARIC CHAMBERS.**

**6-18.1 Hyperbaric Chambers.**

Conform hyperbaric chambers to NFPA 99, Chapter 20. Incorporate criteria contained in the following documents into the design of hyperbaric chambers.

- UFC 4-159-01N, Hyperbaric Facilities.
- SS 521-AA-MAN-010, U.S. Navy, Diving and Manned Hyperbaric Systems Safety Certification Manual.

**6-18.2 Hypobaric Chambers.**

Conform hypobaric chambers to NFPA 99B, Hypobaric Facilities.

**6-19 ANECHOIC CHAMBERS.**

Protect anechoic chambers in accordance with FM Global Data Sheet 1-53, Anechoic Chambers.

**6-20 LIQUID OXYGEN (LOX).**

**6-20.1 Fixed Liquid Oxygen Tanks.**

Use fixed tanks having combined capacity of 100 gal (380 L) or less and portable tanks conforming to NFPA 51, Design and Installation of Oxygen-Fuel Gas Systems for Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes, and NFPA 99.

Exception: As modified in the paragraph entitled "Oxygen Bulk Tanks".

**6-20.2 Oxygen Bulk Tanks.**

Use fixed bulk tanks having a single or combined capacity of more than 100 gal L (380 L) that conform to NFPA 55, Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code, and NFPA 99.

Exception: As modified in the paragraph below entitled "Separation Distances for LOX Tanks and Carts".

**6-20.3 Separation Distances for LOX Tanks and Carts.**

Separation distances for LOX tanks and carts are as follows:

- A minimum of 100 ft (30.5 m) from aircraft parking, fueling, or servicing areas.
- A minimum of 100 ft (30.5 m) from any flammable or combustible liquids handling, servicing, processing, or storage area.
- A minimum of 50 ft (15.3 m) from any buildings.

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**6-20.4 Bulk Tank Vehicle Parking.**

Design parking for bulk tank vehicles servicing fixed tanks that meet the separation requirements of NFPA 55, for the fixed bulk tank.

Exception: As modified in the paragraph entitled "Separation Distances for LOX Tanks and Carts".

**6-20.5 LOX Storage for Propellant Applications.**

Use liquid oxygen storage for propellant applications that comply with 29 CFR 1910.109, Explosives and Blasting Agents.

Exception: As modified in the paragraph entitled "Separation Distances for LOX Tanks and Carts".

**6-21 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENT SCHOOLS (DODDS).**

DoDDS facilities must comply with the paragraph entitled "Application Requirements and with the educational occupancy in NFPA 101.

**6-22 VEHICLE PARKING, STORAGE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR FACILITIES.**

Design facilities utilized for the parking, storage, maintenance, and repair of general and special purpose motor vehicles to comply with NFPA 88A, Parking Structures and/or NFPA 30A, Code for Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages.

**6-22.1 Vehicle Parking.**

Protect enclosed buildings used for vehicle parking and storage of 10 or more vehicles with an automatic sprinkler system.

**6-22.2 Overhaul and Repair Shops.**

Facilities falling within this category are those in which major overhaul and repairs are made to various types of equipment or their component parts. Disassembly and testing may also be performed in such facilities, which include aircraft shops, automotive garages and repair shops, and ship repair shops.

**6-22.2.1 Requirements.**

Design automotive garages to conform to NFPA30A. Design ship repair facilities to conform to NFPA 303 and NFPA 312. Design major aircraft overhaul and repair shops to conform to the paragraph entitled "Aircraft Facilities".

**6-22.3 Refueler Vehicle Facilities.**

Facilities that are covered and enclosed on at least three sides and that are used for the parking, storage, maintenance, and repair of aircraft refueler vehicles must:

- Be protected by an automatic sprinkler system or a closed-head foam-water AFFF sprinkler system, and
- Utilize Class I Division 2 electrical equipment and wiring as defined by NFPA 70.

**6-23 PESTICIDE STORAGE AND HANDLING FACILITIES.**

Locate facilities or operations involving the storage, mixing, or handling of non-flammable pesticides a minimum of 100 ft (30.5 m) from the nearest building or occupied structure.

Exception 1: Facilities of Type I construction as defined by the IBC, may be located less than 100 ft (30.5 m) from the nearest building or occupied structure, but not less than 30 ft (9.1 m) in any case.

Exception 2: Facilities protected by an automatic sprinkler system may be located less than 100 ft (30.5 m) from the nearest building or occupied structure, but not less than 30 ft (9.1 m) in any case.

Exception 3: Existing facilities involving the storage, mixing, or handling of non-flammable pesticides are permitted in a building when all the following are provided:

- The building is completely protected, including the pesticide area, by an automatic sprinkler system.
- The pesticide area is separated by not less than one-hour fire rated construction from the remainder of the building.
- Duct work that penetrates fire rated partitions and wall assemblies is provided with smoke and fire dampers.

**6-24 WINDOWLESS (LIMITED ACCESS) STRUCTURES.**

Windowless (limited access) structures are defined in and must conform to the requirements in NFPA 101. Provide windowless (limited access) structures three stories or more in height with a manually activated smoke exhaust system.

**6-24.1 Sprinkler Protection.**

Provide complete automatic sprinkler protection for all windowless (limited access) structures.

**6-25 UNDERGROUND STRUCTURES.**

Underground structures are defined in and must conform to the requirements in NFPA 101. Provide underground structures that consist of two occupied levels or more, or that has an occupied level that is greater than 25 ft (7.6 m) below grade level, with a manually activated smoke exhaust system.

**6-25.1 Sprinkler Protection.**

Provide complete automatic sprinkler protection for all occupiable underground structures.

**6-26 GAS SERVICE.**

Install gas service mains in accordance with NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code, and NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code. Gas service mains are not permitted within the perimeter of foundation lines. Provide natural draft cross ventilation for building crawl spaces containing gas service piping. Raise supply connections from the gas service mains above grade outside the foundation wall and pass through a full swing joint or loop of metallic tubing before entering the building. This will avoid pipe rupture in the event of differential settlement or earthquake. Locate pressure regulators outside of buildings or vent to the outside. Standards for heating system components common to all fuel systems are provided in NFPA 211, Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances. Related information is also available in the IBC. Use heating system devices listed by an NRTL.

**6-27 COAL.**

**6-27.1 Storage.**

Locate coal storage to comply with the following restrictions:

**6-27.1.1** Do not locate coal storage in an area where contact with an external heat source is possible. Avoid locating storage near piping, flues, boiler walls, and over steam mains, even if buried. Coal must not be stored over or under fire service mains. Maintain a separation distance of at least 20 ft (6.1 m) from any fire service main.

**6-27.1.2** Do not pile coal over manhole covers or covered pipe trenches that might allow air to find its way into the pile. Do not arrange piles of coal around or in contact with timbers, columns, or large pipes, as air may pass along these surfaces and produce a flue effect. Do not vent coal piles with pipes or flues.

**6-27.1.3** Do not pile low-grade coal higher than 10 ft (3 m) and best grade coal not higher than 15 ft (4.6 m), unless they are piled by roll-packing method.

Locate yard piles at least 50 ft (15.3 m) from other combustibles and important structures.

**6-27.1.4** Construct coal bins, silos, or bunkers entirely of noncombustible material, preferably concrete. The structure should be roofed over to keep out rain and snow, and the space above the coal sufficiently ventilated to prevent the accumulation of gases given off by the coal. An elevated cone-shaped bin in which the coal is fed at the top and removed at the bottom is recommended. This arrangement prevents fine materials from collecting and remaining in the bin for long periods. The coal at the bottom, which is most likely to be troublesome, is the first to be removed. Coal bins, and when possible, bunkers and silos, should be emptied during the summer shutdowns and other prolonged idle periods. Provide automatic sprinkler protection if the existing storage facility has combustible construction or occupancy other than coal. Provide access openings for manual firefighting operations.

**6-27.1.5** Compact inactive coal piles, regardless of height to prevent spontaneous heating.

**6-27.2 Handling.**

Provide the following where combustible conveyor belts are used to transport coal:

**6-27.1.1** An automatic sprinkler system. Hydraulically design the system to operate 10 automatic sprinklers and 2 hand-held hose lines (e.g., two 1-1/2-in (35-mm) hose lines). Sprinkler coverage cannot exceed 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.3 m<sup>2</sup>) per sprinkler. The system must be designed using a pressure of 10 psi (70 kPa) on the end sprinkler. Water supply should be adequate for at least one-hour duration. Interlock systems with the belt drive to shut down on sprinkler water flow. In a conveyor enclosure less than 15 ft (4.6 m) wide, install a single line of sprinklers.

Provide either 1-1/2-in (35-mm) hose lines or hydrants at suitable intervals such that the entire belt is accessible for firefighting.

Provide each conveyor belt system with tamperproof devices arranged to automatically shut off driving power in the event of greater than 20 percent belt slow down or misalignment of belts. Use interlocking devices to shut off power to contributing conveyors.

**6-27.3 Pulverizing Equipment.**

In a pulverized fuel system, use components designed and constructed in accordance with requirements of NFPA 85, Boiler and Combustion Systems Hazards Code.

**6-28 POWER GENERATING AND UTILIZATION EQUIPMENT.**

In general, conform electrical installations NFPA 70, National Electrical Code. Specific details on the hazards of internal combustion engines, gas turbines, generators, and transformers are covered in the NFPA Fire Protection Handbook and the FM Global Data Sheets.

**6-28.1 Stationary Combustion Engines, Gas Turbines, and Generators.**

Install internal combustion engines, gas turbines, and generators following the requirements of NFPA 37, Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines, except as modified by this UFC.

**6-28.1.1 Units Under 18.65 MW (25,000 Horsepower).**

In buildings without automatic sprinkler protection, enclose these units with 2-hour fire resistive construction or protect locally with automatic sprinklers. Automatic sprinklers connected to domestic water supplies are acceptable in accordance with NFPA 13.

**6-28.1.2 Units 18.65 MW (25,000 Horsepower) and Larger.**

In buildings without automatic sprinkler protection, enclose with 2-hour fire resistive construction and protect locally with automatic sprinklers. Automatic sprinklers connected to domestic water supplies are acceptable in accordance with NFPA 13.

**6-28.2 Transformers.**

**6-28.2.1 Indoor Transformers.**

Indoor transformers must be installed and located in accordance with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code.

**6-28.2.2 Outdoor Transformers.**

Outdoor Transformers must be installed and located in accordance with NFPA 70; ANSI/IEEE C2 National Electrical Safety Code; ANSI/IEEE 979, Guide for Substation Fire Protection; and ANSI/IEEE C57.12 series standards for transformers except as modified by this UFC:

- Where transformers are located on or above noncombustible roofs, suitable curbed and drained concrete mats or welded steel plates must be underneath units and located so as not to expose roof structures.
- Oil Filled transformers must not be installed on combustible roofs.

**6-28.2.2.1 Outdoor Transformers Greater than 10,000KVA.**



For transformers 10,000KVA and greater see FM Global Data Sheet 5-4, Transformers; NFPA 850, Fire Protection for Electric Generating Plants and High Voltage Direct Current Converter Stations; and ANSI/IEEE 979, for additional guidance.

**6-28.2.2.2 Outdoor Liquid-Insulated Transformers.**

Buildings or equipment exposed by outdoor transformers must be protected by separation, a fire barrier, or a water spray system on the transformers.

Note: The potential exposures from the insulating fluid pose the greatest risk for buildings and adjacent transformers.

**6-28.2.2.2.1 Building Separation Distance.**

The separation distance between buildings and transformers must be as indicated in Table 6-1. The horizontal distance is measured from the transformer to the building.

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**Table 6-1 Separation Distance Between Outdoor Insulated Transformers and Buildings**

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Liquid	Liquid Volume gal (m <sup>3</sup> )	Horizontal Distance <sup>a</sup>			Vertical Distance ft (m)
		Fire Resistant Construction ft (m)	Non- Combustible Construction ft (m)	Combustible Construction ft (m)	
Less Flammable	≤1,000 (3.8)	5 (1.5)	5 (1.5)	25 (7.6)	25 (7.6)
	>1,000 (3.8)	15 (4.6)	15 (4.6)	50 (15.2)	50 (15.2)
Mineral Oil	<500 (1.9)	5 (1.5)	15 (4.6)	25 (7.6)	25 (7.6)
	500 – 5,000 (1.9 – 19)	15 (4.6)	25 (7.6)	50 (15.2)	50 (15.2)
	>5,000 (19)	25 (7.6)	50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	100 (30.5)

<sup>a</sup> If FM Approved transformers are used, the separation distances must follow the requirements of FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheet 5-4, *Transformers*, which allows for reduced separation distances.

**6-28.2.2.2.1.1** When the separation distance in Table 6-1  $\sqrt{2}$  cannot be met, the following applies:

- There must be no window openings in first story walls within a horizontal distance of 10 feet (3 m) from the transformers. Existing window openings must be closed using brick or concrete block.
- Window openings in the first story beyond 10 feet (3 m) and up to the distance required in Table 6-1  $\sqrt{2}$  horizontally from the transformers must be protected, using either wired glass in steel sash or glass block.
- Window openings in second and third story walls directly above the transformers must be protected using either wired glass in steel sash or glass block.
- Overhanging eaves, where they exist, must be noncombustible.

**6-28.2.2.2.1.2 Equipment Separation Distance.**

The separation distance between other equipment (including adjacent transformers) must be as indicated in  $\sqrt{2}$  Table 6-2  $\sqrt{2}$ .

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**Table 6-2 Separation Distance Between Outdoor Fluid Insulated Transformers and Equipment (Including Other Transformers)**

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Liquid	Fluid Volume gal (m <sup>3</sup> )	Distance ft (m)
Less Flammable	$\leq 1,000$ (3.8)	5 (1.5)
	$> 1,000$ (3.8)	25 (7.6)
Mineral Oil	$< 500$ (1.9)	5 (1.5)
	500 – 5,000 (1.9 – 19)	25 (7.6)
	$> 5,000$ (19)	50 (15.2)

**6-28.2.2.2.2 Fire Barriers.**

Fire barriers must be of concrete block or reinforced concrete construction adequate for 2-hour fire resistance.

**6-28.2.2.2.2.1 Buildings.**

**6-28.2.2.2.2.1.1** When building walls are used for protection, the exposed wall must extend the horizontal and vertical distances from the transformer specified in Table 6-1  $\sqrt{2}$ .

**6-28.2.2.2.1.2** Roofs exposed to mineral oil insulated transformers must be Class A rated for the exposed area. The exposed area is considered to be the following:

- 15 ft (4.6 m) from a transformer containing 1,000 to 5,000 gallons (3.8 to 19 m<sup>3</sup>) of mineral oil where roofs are less than 25 ft (7.76 m) high.
- 25 ft (7.6 m) from a transformer containing more than 5,000 gallons (19 m<sup>3</sup>) where roofs are less than 50 ft (15 m) high.

**6-28.2.2.2.2 Equipment.**

For equipment, barriers must extend 1 ft (0.3m) vertically and 2 ft (0.6m) horizontally beyond transformer components that could be pressurized as the result of an electrical fault. This will typically include bushings, pressure relief vents, radiators, tap changer enclosures, and other similar devices.

**6-28.2.2.2.3 Water Spray Exposure Protection.**

**6-28.2.2.2.3.1 Buildings.**

**6-28.2.2.2.3.1.1** If water spray or automatic sprinkler protection is used for building protection, a discharge density of 0.20 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> (8.2 L/min/m<sup>2</sup>) must be used over the exposed surface.

**6-28.2.2.2.3.1.2** The water supply must be adequate for 2 hours and must include a hose stream demand of 500 gpm (1900 L/min).

**6-28.2.2.2.3.2 Equipment.**

**6-28.2.2.2.3.2.1** For multiple transformer installations the water spray system must be designed based on simultaneous operation of the water spray systems for the adjacent transformers.

**6-28.2.2.2.3.2.2** Design the water spray system to provide a density of 0.25 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> (10.2 L/min/m<sup>2</sup>) over transformer surfaces, except areas under the transformer in accordance with FM Global Data Sheet 4-1N, Water Spray Fixed Systems.

**6-28.2.2.2.3.2.3** When the ground around the transformer is non-absorbing, water spray must be provided at a density of 0.15 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> (6.1 L/min/m<sup>2</sup>) for the diked area or for a distance of 10 ft (3 m) from the transformer in all directions.

**6-28.2.2.2.3.2.4** Components of the water spray system, such as piping, spray nozzles, and other components must be a minimum of 18 in (0.45 m) from the transformer.

**6-28.2.2.2.3.2.5** Piping must not pass over the top of the transformer or be exposed by tank relief vents.

**6-28.2.2.2.3.2.6** Do not direct water spray nozzles at bushings.

**6-29 TRASH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES.**

**6-29.1 Central Trash Collection and Dumpsters.**

Place central trash collection units and dumpsters 15 feet (4.6 m) or more away from wood frame or metal buildings or from openings in masonry-walled buildings.

**6-29.2 Collection, Baling, and Storage Rooms.**

For mixed occupancy facilities, provide 2-hour fire resistive construction for collection, baling, and storage rooms and protect with automatic sprinklers.

**6-29.3 Trash Chutes.**

Equip trash chutes in buildings with automatic sprinklers. In non-sprinklered buildings, trash chute sprinkler systems may be connected to the domestic water system.

**6-30 PROTECTION OF ELEVATOR MACHINE ROOMS AND HOISTWAYS.**

**6-30.1 Fire Resistant Construction.**

For Navy and DLA projects, provide 2-hour fire resistant construction for all elevator hoistways.

Exception: Existing buildings that are being renovated, with existing elevator shafts not being modified and that do not require 2-hour rated fire resistant construction in accordance with the IBC.

**6-30.2 Detection System.**

Provide smoke detectors at:

- All elevator lobbies \1\ not open or exposed to the exterior (i.e., open parking structures and similar elevator lobbies). /1/
- All elevator machine rooms.
- Top of the hoistway. (Only if sprinklers are provided at the top of the hoistway.)

**6-30.2.1** Provide listed control relays within 3 ft (0.91 m) of the elevator controller to provide a supervised interface between the fire alarm system and the elevator controller as required by NFPA 72. The wiring between the control relays and the fire alarm control unit shall be monitored for integrity as required by NFPA 72.

**6-30.2.2** Activation of any elevator machine room, hoistway, or lobby smoke detector must activate the building fire alarm system and send the affected elevators to the designated floor.

**6-30.2.3** Activation of a lobby smoke detector must cause the Firefighter's Service visual signal to constantly illuminate in any elevator cab that serves the affected lobby. Activation of an elevator machine room or hoistway smoke detector must cause the Firefighter's Service visual signal to illuminate intermittently (flash) in any elevator cab which has equipment located in the affected machine room or hoistway, as required by ASME A17.1.

**6-30.3 Electric Traction Elevators.**

For buildings protected with an automatic sprinkler system, provide sprinkler(s) with sprinkler guard(s) in the machine room(s). Provide a supervised shut-off valve, check valve, flow switch, and test valve in the sprinkler line supplying the machine room(s). These items must be located outside of and adjacent to the machine room(s). Actuation of the flow switch must remove power to the elevator(s), served by that machine room, by shunt trip breaker operation. The flow switch must have no time delay capability. See Tables 6-3 and Figure 6-5/2/.

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**Table 6-3 Electric Traction Elevator**

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ROOM / AREA	PROVIDE SPRINKLER (Not Applicable for Buildings Without Sprinkler Protection)	PROVIDE SMOKE DETECTOR to INITIATE ELEVATOR FIREFIGHTERS SERVICE and BUILDING FIRE ALARM SYSTEM
PENTHOUSE MACHINE ROOM	YES	YES
ELEVATOR LOBBIES	YES	YES
PIT AREA	NO	NO
TOP of HOISTWAY	NO	NO

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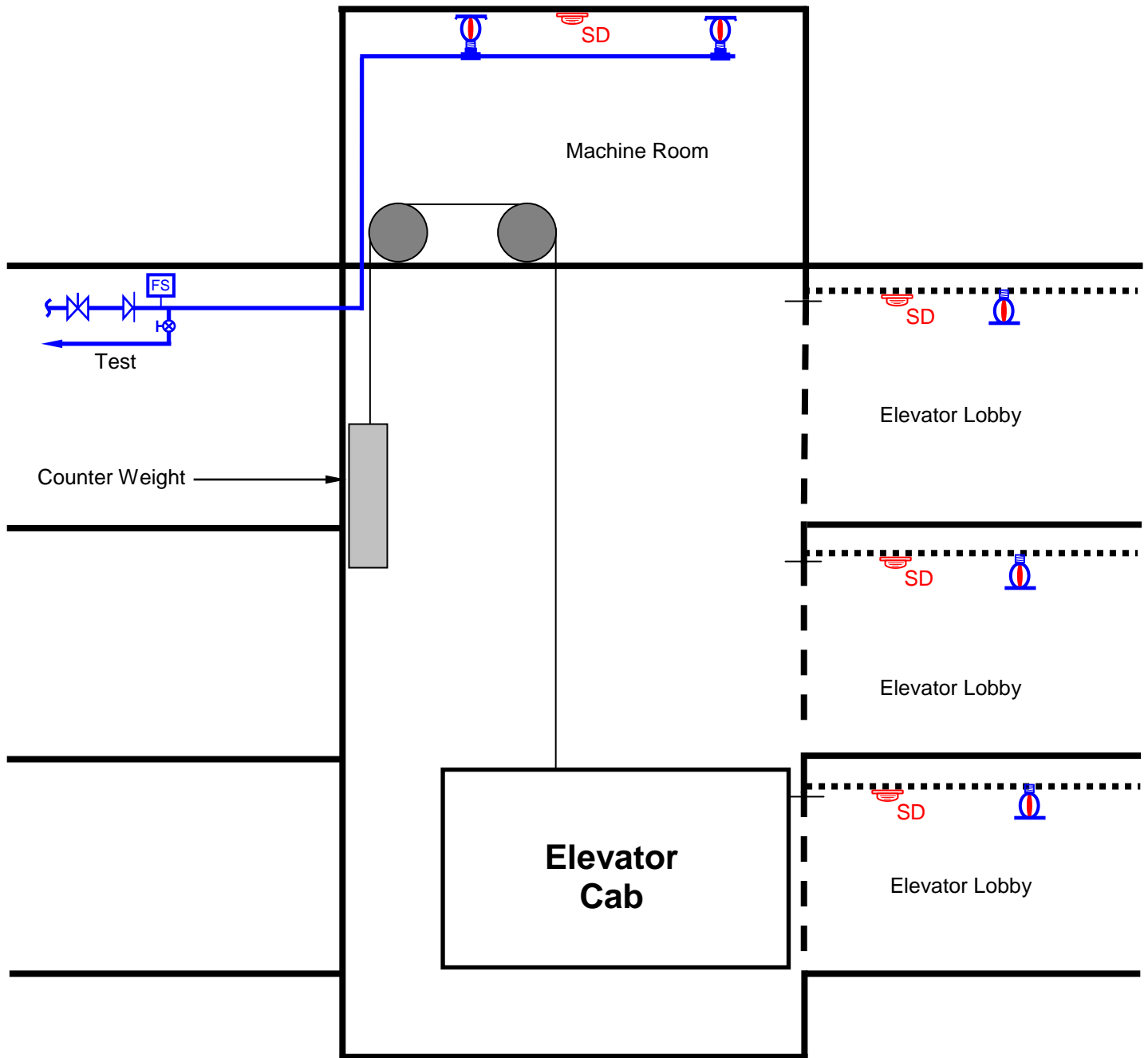


Figure 6-8 Electric Traction Elevator

**6-30.4        Hydraulic Elevators.**

In buildings protected with an automatic sprinkler system, provide the following (see Tables 6-4 and 6-5, and Figures 6-9, 6-10, and 6-11):

**6-30.4.1      Machine Room.**

Provide sprinkler(s) with sprinkler guard(s) in the machine room(s). Provide a supervised shut-off valve, check valve, flow switch, and test valve in the sprinkler line supplying the machine room(s). These items must be located outside of and adjacent to the machine room(s). Actuation of the flow switch must remove power to the elevator(s), served by that machine room, by shunt trip breaker operation. The flow switch must have no time delay.

**6-30.4.2      Elevator Pit.**

Provide a sidewall sprinkler(s) with sprinkler guards in the pit for hydraulic elevators. Locate the sprinkler no more than 610 mm (2 ft) above the pit floor. Provide a supervised shut-off valve in the sprinkler line supplying the pit. Locate the valve outside of and adjacent to the pit. Actuation of the pit sprinkler must not disconnect power to the elevator.

**6-30.4.3      Top of Elevator Hoistway.**

When a sprinkler is provided at the top of the hoistway, provide a supervised shut-off valve, check valve, flow switch, and test valve in the sprinkler line supplying the hoistway. These items must be located outside of and adjacent to the hoistway. Actuation of the flow switch must disconnect power to the elevator by shunt trip breaker operation. Flow switch must have no time delay.

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**Table 6-4 Direct Plunger Hydraulic Elevator**

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ROOM / AREA	PROVIDE SPRINKLER  (Not Applicable for Buildings Without Sprinkler Protection)	PROVIDE SMOKE DETECTOR to INITIATE ELEVATOR FIREFIGHTERS SERVICE and BUILDING FIRE ALARM SYSTEM
MACHINE ROOM	YES	YES
ELEVATOR LOBBIES	YES	YES
PIT AREA	YES	NO
TOP of HOISTWAY	NO	NO

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**Table 6-5 Holeless Hydraulic and Roped Hydraulic Elevator**

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ROOM / AREA	PROVIDE SPRINKLER  (Not Applicable for Buildings Without Sprinkler Protection)	PROVIDE SMOKE DETECTOR to INITIATE ELEVATOR FIREFIGHTERS SERVICE and BUILDING FIRE ALARM SYSTEM
MACHINE ROOM	YES	YES
ELEVATOR LOBBIES	YES	YES
PIT AREA	YES	NO
TOP of HOISTWAY	YES	YES

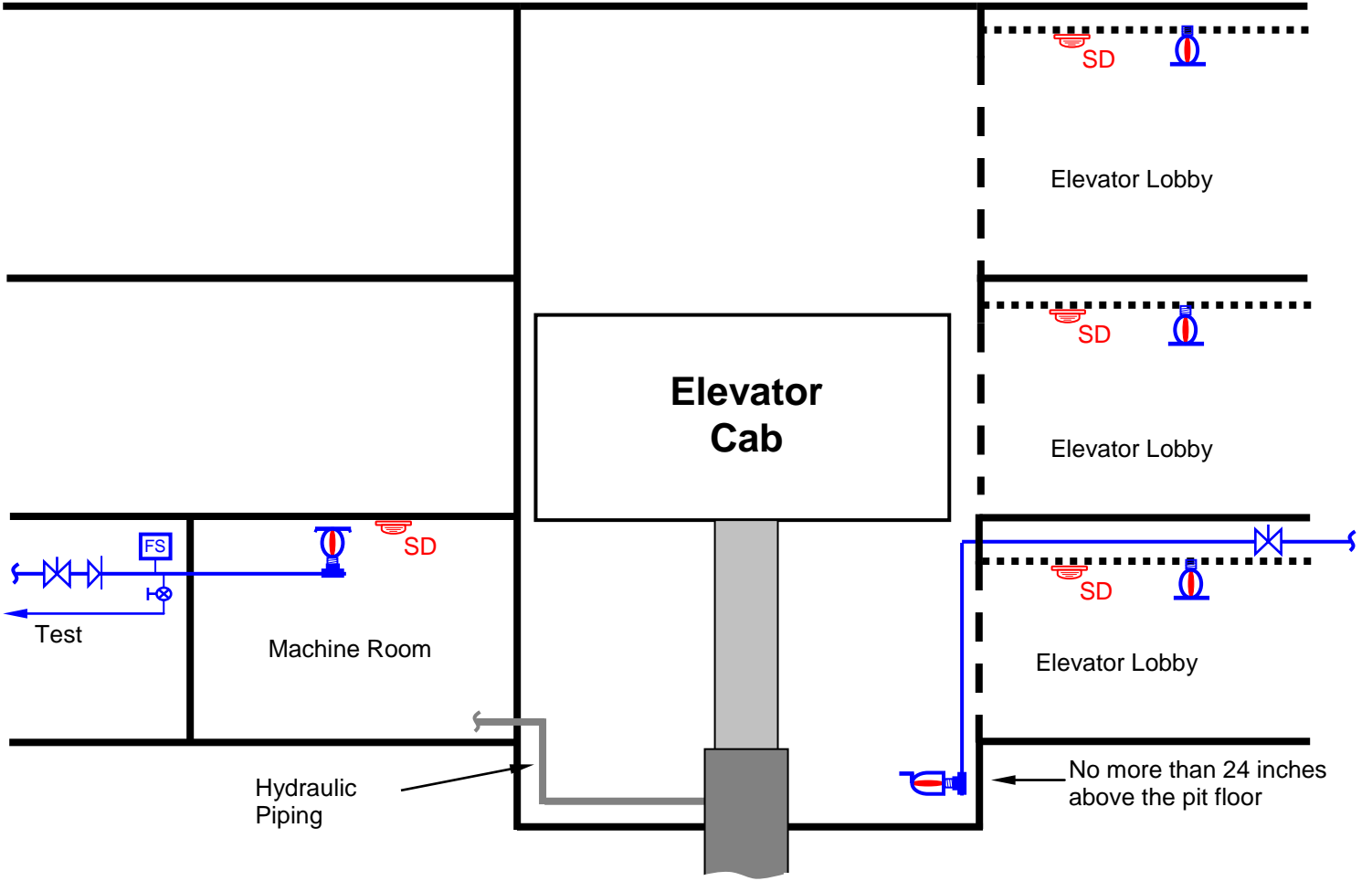


**6-30.5 Flow Switch Test Connection.**

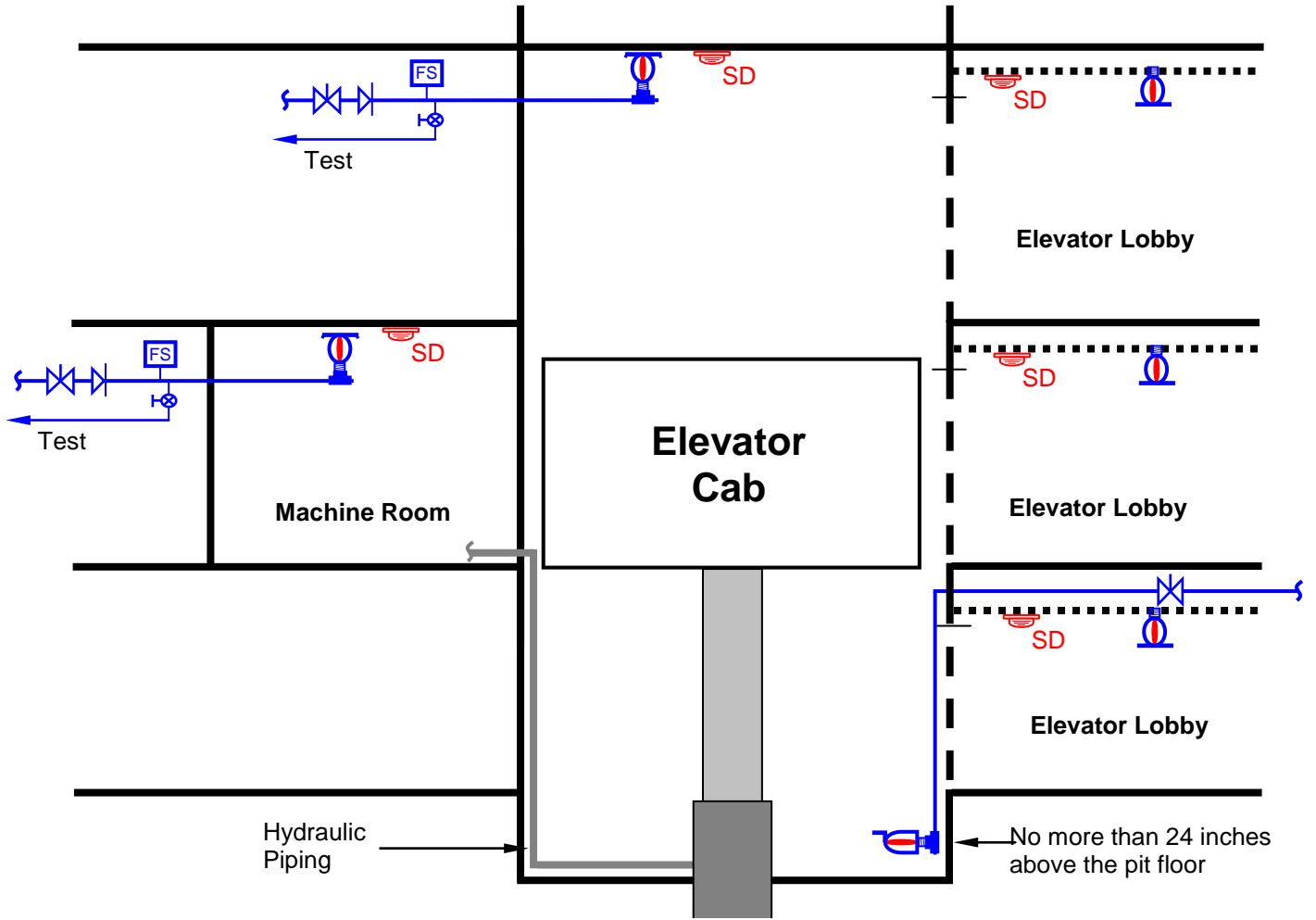
Provide inspector's test connection for each water flow switch associated with the elevator machine room and/or elevator hoistway sprinklers. Locate the test connection outside the rated enclosure. Route test connection piping to a floor drain location that can accept full flow or where water may be discharged without property damage. Discharge to a floor drain may be permitted only if the drain is sized to accommodate full flow. Discharge to janitor sinks or similar plumbing fixtures is not permitted.

**6-30.6 Italy.**

For Italian construction projects, sprinkler protection must not be provided in the elevator hoistway, pit, or machine room. \\ /1/



**Figure 6-9 Direct Plunger Hydraulic Elevator**



**Figure 6-10 Direct Plunger Hydraulic Elevator – Hydraulic Supply Piping Extending above the Second Finished Floor Elevation**

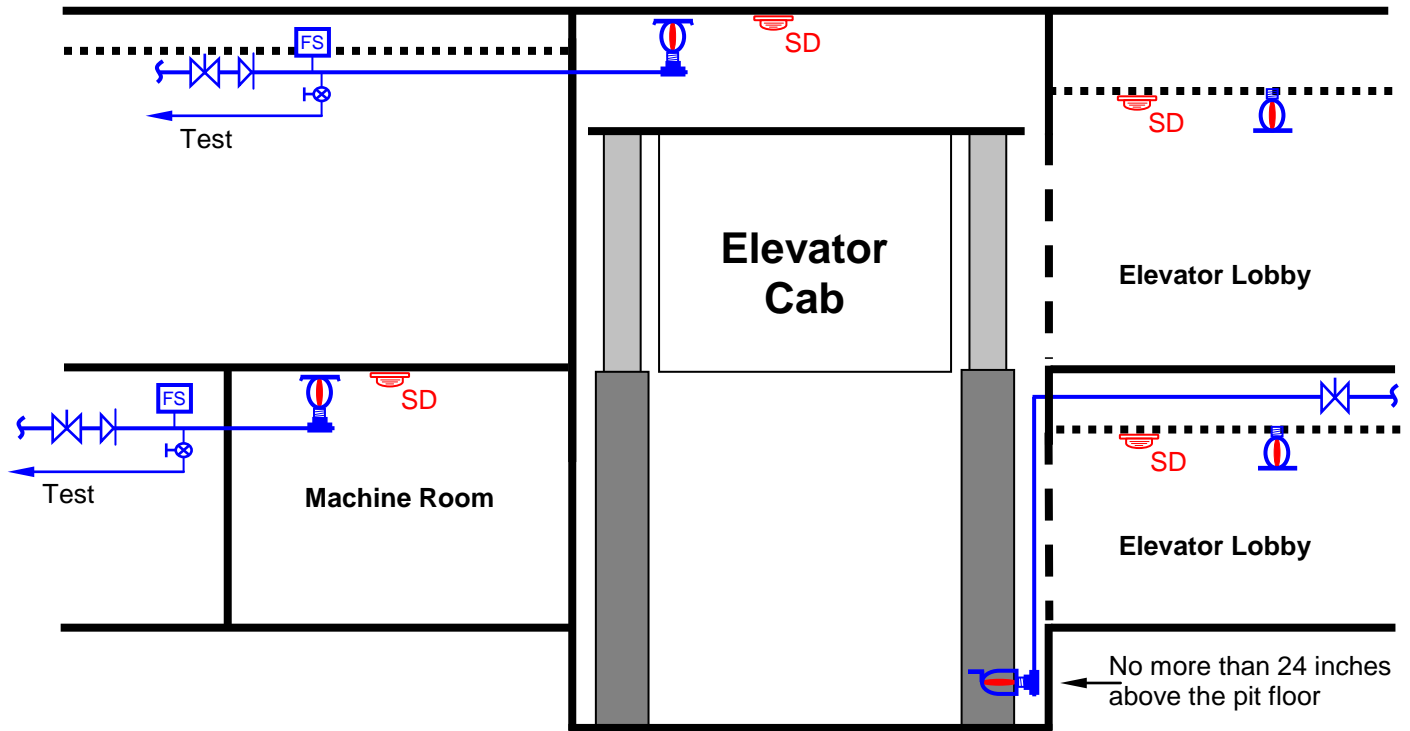


Figure 6-11 Holeless Hydraulic Elevator

**6-31 TENSION FABRIC STRUCTURES**

**6-31.1 Separation of, and Basic Allowable Area.**

To determine the allowable area and separation requirements for all permanent tension fabric structures, follow the requirements of Table 6-6. The separation area will be a clear zone adjacent to the tension fabric structure. The clear zone cannot be used for storage and must be clear of vegetation (maintained lawn is permitted). The clear zone may be used as a street or driveway, but not for vehicle parking.

**6-31.2 Definitions:**

**6-31.2.1 Tension Membrane Structure (from NFPA 102, Grandstands, Folding and Telescopic Seating, Tents, and Membrane Structures).**

A membrane structure incorporating a membrane and a structural support system such as arches, columns, and cables, or beams wherein the stresses developed in the tension membrane interact with those in the structural support so that the entire assembly acts together to resist the applied loads.

**6-31.2.2 Permanent Building (from NFPA 102).**

A building that is intended to remain in place for a period of 180 days or more.

**6-31.2.3 Temporary Building (from NFPA 102).**

A building that is intended to remain in place for less than 180 consecutive calendar days.

**6-31.2.4 Noncombustible Material (from NFPA 102)**

A material that, in the form in which it is used and under the conditions anticipated, will not ignite, burn, support combustion, or release flammable vapors, when subjected to fire or heat. Materials that are reported as passing ASTM E 136, Standard Test Method for Behavior of Materials in a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750°C, must be considered noncombustible materials.

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**Table 6-6 Basic Allowable Area for Tension Membrane/Fabric Structures**

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SEPARATION DISTANCES	TYPE of CONSTRUCTION - In Square Feet (Square Meters)			
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	Sprinkler Protection	No Sprinkler Protection	Sprinkler Protection	No Sprinkler Protection
20 ft (6 m)	36,000 (3,344)	12,000 (1,114)	24,000 (2,229)	8,000 (743)
40 ft (12 m)	72,000 (6,689)	24,000 (2,229)	48,000 (4,459)	16,000 (1,486)
60 ft (18 m)	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED

<sup>a</sup> As defined in the paragraph entitled "Noncombustible Material (from NFPA 102)"

**6-31.3 Other Requirements.**

Tension membrane/fabric structures must meet the life safety, fire protection, and allowable area requirements for the specific occupancy, in accordance with the other provisions of this UFC.

**6-31.4 Tension Fabric Hangars.**

Tension Fabric Hangars must comply with the paragraph entitled "Aircraft Facilities".

**6-32 COMMISSARIES AND EXCHANGES.**

Commissaries and exchanges greater than 5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (464.5m<sup>2</sup>) gross floor area must be provided with automatic sprinkler protection.

**6-33 MORALE WELFARE AND RECREATION FACILITIES.**

Clubs including officer, non-commissioned officer, and enlisted; bowling centers, craft shops including hobby shops, woodworking, auto centers, and similar facilities must be protected with automatic sprinkler systems.

**6-34 MULTISTORY BUILDINGS.**

Building two stories or greater, measured from the lowest grade, accessible to people with severe mobility impairment must be protected with automatic sprinklers.

**6-34.1 Building Four Stories or Greater.**

Building four stories or greater, measured from the lowest grade, regardless of occupancy must be protected with automatic sprinklers.

**6-35 COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION.**

Facilities of Type III, Type IV and Type V construction three or more stories in height must be protected with automatic sprinklers systems.

**6-35.1 Renovation.**

Any renovation of existing building of Type III, Type IV and Type V construction over 5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (465 m<sup>2</sup>) must include automatic sprinkler protection.

**6-36 MISSILE ALERT FACILITIES (MAF).**

MAFs are the aboveground facilities that support underground ballistic missile launch control centers.

**6-36.1 Sprinkler Protection.**

Protect all missile alert facilities with a sprinkler system designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 13R, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies up to and Including Four Stories in Height. Systems must be supplied from the existing domestic water storage tank. Use dry-pendant or dry-sidewall heads or anti-freeze runs for rooms/spaces exposed to freezing temperatures.

**6-36.2 Heat Detectors.**

Thermal detection devices must be provided in rooms, areas and spaces that are not protected by automatic sprinkler protection in accordance with NFPA 13R.

**6-36.3 Fire Hydrants.**

Provide a dry fire hydrant installed on the domestic water tank to allow local fire departments the ability to draft firefighting water during emergencies.

**6-37 EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS.**

Facilities and equipment which are used for the receipt of alarm signals and telephone calls for assistance, and dispatching of fire, police, or emergency medical services personnel and equipment shall comply with NFPA 1221, Installation Maintenance, and Use of Emergency Services Communications Systems.

**6-38 HIGH RISE BUILDINGS.**

High rise buildings must comply with NFPA 101 and:

- The central control station must have exterior and interior access, a 1-hour fire rated barrier, and must be a minimum of 96 ft<sup>2</sup> (9 m<sup>2</sup>) with a minimum dimension of 8 ft (2.4 m),
- The central control station must also include air-handling system status indicators and controls, a fire department control panel for smoke control systems (includes visual status indicators and controls), and schematic building plans indicating the typical floor plan and detailing the building core, means of egress, fire protection systems, fire-fighting equipment and fire department access.
- Provide smoke proof enclosures.

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## **6-39            HYDROGEN FACILITIES**

### **6-39.1        Liquid Hydrogen (LH2).**

Install LH2 (Liquid Hydrogen) storage and fueling facility in accordance with NFPA 52, Vehicular Fuel Systems Code, and FM Global Loss Data Sheet 7-91, Hydrogen.

### **6-39.2        Hydrogen (GH2).**

Install GH2 compression, gas processing, and storage in accordance with NFPA 52 and FM Global Loss Data Sheet 7-91.

### **6-39.3        Indoor Fueling or Dispensing.**

Indoor fueling or dispensing of LH2 or GH2 is prohibited.

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## **6-40            MEDICAL FACILITIES.**

This section includes hospitals, composite medical facilities, ambulatory health care centers, occupational health clinics, outpatient clinics, dental clinics, flight medicine clinics, medical logistics facilities, biological safety and medical laboratories, and similar facilities. These facilities must conform to UFC 4-510-01, Design: Medical Military Facilities.

## **6-41            HISTORICAL LISTED FACILITIES**

Renovation of historic facilities is expected to bring the facility into compliance with the life safety and property/asset protecting requirements of this UFC while protecting the historic fabric of the structure and/or collection. Process guidance can be found in the jointly issued GSA/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation



(ACHP) publication Fire Safety Retrofitting of Historic Buildings ([http://gsa.gov/graphics/pbs/Fire\\_Safety\\_Retrofitting\\_in\\_Historic\\_Buildings.pdf](http://gsa.gov/graphics/pbs/Fire_Safety_Retrofitting_in_Historic_Buildings.pdf)). Approval for alteration and equivalency necessary under this process shall be in accordance with Chapter 1 of this UFC.

**6-42 SECURE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION FACILITY (SCIF)**

**6-42.1 Locks**

**6-42.1.1 CDX-09**

**6-42.1.2** SCIFs occupied by 100 or more persons must comply with the egress requirements of NFPA 101.

- Power assist, mag lock, LKM
- Doors with panic hardware

**6-42.2 Fire Alarm Notification**

Use of self-amplified voice notification speakers

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## APPENDIX B OCCUPANCY HAZARD CLASSIFICATION FOR DETERMINING AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER DENSITIES AND HOSE STREAM DEMANDS

### B-1 CLASSIFICATION OF OCCUPANCIES.

The principal occupancy classifications are light hazard, ordinary hazard, and extra hazard. Listed below are the classifications with examples of common occupancies listed under each. The basic hazard classification of an occupancy does not define the fire hazard present in all areas of that occupancy. If more hazardous processes or areas exist within a given occupancy, protect these areas in accordance with the fire protection requirements pertaining to the hazard classification of that area. Determine the classification for unlisted occupancies from the definitions or by comparison with one of the listed occupancies.

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#### B-1.1 Light Hazard Occupancies / Hazard Category 1 (HE-1).

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Occupancies or portions of occupancies where the quantity and combustibility of the contents are low and fires with relatively low rates of heat release are expected. Small, scattered amounts of flammable liquids in closed containers are allowable in quantities not exceeding 5 gal (20 L) per fire area. This classification includes but is not limited to the following occupancies:

- Churches and chapels
- Gymnasiums
- Clinics (dental, outpatient, patient areas only)
- Hospitals
- Data processing areas
- Mess areas
- Dispensaries (patient areas only)
- Drill halls (not used for storage or exhibition)
- Disciplinary barracks
- Offices
- Child development centers

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**B-1.2 Ordinary Hazard Group 1 / Hazard Category 2 (HE-2)  
Occupancies.**

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Occupancies or portions of occupancies where combustibility is low, quantity of combustibles is moderate, stockpiles of combustibles do not exceed 8 ft (2.5 m), and fires with moderate rates of heat release are expected. Modest, scattered amounts of flammable liquid, in closed containers are allowable in quantities not to exceed 20 gal (75 L) per fire area. This classification includes but is not limited to the following occupancies:

- Armories
- Sheet metal shops
- Bowling alleys
- Ship fitting shops
- Clubs (officer, enlisted personnel, etc.)
- Kitchens and bakery
- Small stores
- Theaters and auditoriums
- Welding shops
- Forge shops
- Laundries
- Automobile parking garage
- Electronics assembly and repair

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**B-1.3 Ordinary Hazard Group 2 / Hazard Category 3 (HE-3)  
Occupancies.**

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Occupancies or portion of occupancies where quantity and combustibility of contents is moderate, stockpiles do not exceed 12 ft (3.7 m), and fires with moderate rate of heat release are expected. Moderate, scattered amounts of flammable liquids in closed containers are allowable in quantities not to exceed 50 gal (200 L) per fire area. Small amounts of flammable liquids may be

exposed as required by normal operations. This classification includes but is not limited to the following occupancies:

- Commissaries
- Exchanges
- Aviation Depots
- Boiler rooms
- Electrical maintenance shops
- Engine and generator rooms
- Laboratories
- Refrigeration and air compressor rooms
- Switchgear rooms
- Machine rooms
- Printing shops (using inks having flash points above 110 °F (44 °C))
- Libraries
- Piers and wharves
- Vehicle repair garages
- Woodworking shops

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#### **B-1.4          Extra Hazard Group 1 & 2**

In DOD occupancies which might be classified as Extra Hazard are often addressed by unique occupancy specific criteria/guidance rather than being addressed generically as Extra Hazard. See NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems for additional information, if specific guidance is available.

#### **B-1.5          Special Occupancies.**

Special occupancies are facilities or areas that ∨\ DOD does not assigned a specific occupancy hazard /2/ classification because of special protection requirements. This classification includes but is not limited to the following occupancies:

- Flammable and combustible liquids
- Aircraft hangars
- Engine test cells
- Missile assembly
- Ordnance plants
- Rubber tire storage
- Warehouses (piled or rack storage)
- Foam rubber or plastic storage

Note: Refer to Chapter 6 and the appropriate NFPA codes and standards.

## APPENDIX C PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING FIRE FLOW DEMAND FOR UNSPRINKLERED FACILITIES

### C-1 PROCEDURES.

Use the following procedures to determine the required fire flow demand and duration for buildings that are not fully sprinklered.

#### C-1.1 Step One - Determine the Classification of Occupancy.

Appendix B lists the classifications of occupancy hazard as Light, Ordinary Group 1, Ordinary Group 2, and Extra.

#### C-1.2 Step Two - Determine the Water Demand Weighted Factors.

The table is divided into three weighted value categories for fire flow and duration in each occupancy classification. These categories are determined from the values established in the six factors discussed below. The final value is determined by adding the values obtained from all six factors. See sample calculations in Example Calculations below.

##### C-1.2.1 Weighted Factors.

The six factors to be assigned weighted values are as follows:

##### C-1.2.1.1 Response Time by Fire Department.

Most installations have on-site fire departments that are familiar with hazards of buildings within the facility. The longer the response time for manual firefighting, the greater the water demand and duration. Traffic flow is a factor and traffic congestion is equivalent to a longer response distance. The fire department response weighing factors are as follows:

Type Of Fire Department Response	Value
On-Site (within 1 mile (1.6 km))	1
On-Site (over 1 mile (1.6 km) but less than 3 miles (4.8 km))	2
On-Site (3 miles (4.8 km) or greater)	3
Off-Site (less than 3.2 km (3.2 km))	2
Off-Site (2 miles (3.2 km) or greater)	3

##### C-1.2.1.2 Type of Construction.



The paragraph entitled “Type of Construction” requires that type of construction comply with the IBC. As structural fire integrity is reduced, water demand and duration will become greater. In addition, the combustibility of construction will add to the water demand for an unsprinklered building. The types of construction weighted values are as follows:

Type of Construction	Value
Type I	1
Type II	2
Type III	3
Type IV	2
Type V	5

**C-1.2.1.3 Number of Stories.**

Firefighting is more difficult for multi-story buildings. Furthermore, fire spreads faster vertically than horizontally. Fire in multi-story buildings is more difficult to contain and has higher water demands. Consider one-story buildings with high ceiling heights (20 ft (6.1 m) or greater) multi-story. The weighted values for number of stories of a facility are as follows:

Number of Stories	Value
Single Story	1
Two or more stories	2

(plus 1 point for each additional floor greater than two floors; maximum 6 points)

**C-1.2.1.4 Separation Distances.**

The model building codes and NFPA 80A provide that a separation distance of 60 ft (18.3 m) or more does not require protection of exterior wall from exposure. The codes indicate that a separation distance of 20 ft (6.1 m) or less requires one hour or more fire resistance construction. Water demand for protecting exposed facilities increases as separation distance decrease. In addition, exterior firefighting is hampered as building separation distances are reduced. The weighted values for the building separation distances are as follows:

Separation Distance feet (meter)	Value
60 (18.3) or more	1
21 (6.4) to 59 (18)	2
20 (6.1) or less	4

**C-1.2.1.5 Building Floor Area.**

Firefighting water demands are higher for larger unsprinklered buildings. The weighted values for the building floor area factor are as follows:

Area square feet (square meter)	Value
7500 (697) or less	1
7501 (697.1) to 15,000 (1394)	2
15,001 (1394.1) to 25,000 (2323)	3
25,001 (2323.1) to 40,000 (3716)	4
Greater than 40,000 (3716)	5

**C-1.2.1.6 Firefighting Access.**

Studies conducted by fire departments have demonstrated that a responding engine company needs to be within 180 ft (55 m) of a fire to effectively control it. This distance is based on the use of a 30 ft (9.2 m) stream of water and 150 ft (45 m) of fire hose. The fire hose distance must be measured, as the hose would lie over the terrain from the fire apparatus. Ideally, this distance should be to any part of the first three stories of a building, either by use of ground ladders through windows or by use of windows. The efficiency of the manual approach is reduced as more hose connections are required. The weighted values for firefighting access based on hose layout distances are as follows:

Maximum Hose Layout (feet) (meter) (first three stories)	Value
180 (55) or less	1
181 (55.1) to 230 (70)	2
Greater than 230 (70)	4

**C-1.3 Step Three - Determine Fire Flow and Duration.**

Using the occupancy classification and summation of weighted values of the six factors; select the required water demand for fire flow and duration from Table C-1.

**Table C-1 Water Demands for Unsprinklered Facilities**

<b>TOTAL WEIGHTED VALUE</b>						
Occupancy Hazard Classification	Fire Flows (gpm (L/m) at 20 psi (137 kPa) residual pressure)			Duration (minutes)		
	6-10	11-15	16+	6-10	11-15	16+
Light	750 (2840)	1125 (4260)	1500 (5680)	60	90	120
Ordinary Group 1	1000 (3785)	1500 (5680)	2000 (7570)	90	120	150
Ordinary Group 2	1500 (5680)	2250 (8520)	3000 (11,360)	90	120	150
Extra	2500 (9465)	3750 (14,195)	5000 (18,930)	150	195	240

**C-1.4 Examples Calculations**

(1) Example 1 - Administration Office Building (Light Hazard)

Factors	Values
1. Fire Department response	
On-site (within 1 mile (1.6 km))	1
2. Type of construction	
Type II	2
3. Number of Stories	
Two stories	2
4. Separation Distance	
30 ft (9.1 m)	2
5. Building Floor Area	
22,000 ft <sup>2</sup> (2044 m <sup>2</sup> )	3
6. Firefighting access	
170 ft (51.8 m)	2
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Total Weighing Value	12

Per Table C-1: 1125 gpm (4260 L/m) for 90 minutes

(2) Example 2 - Welding Shop (Ordinary Group 1)

Factors	Values
1. Fire Department response	
Off-site (within 2 miles (3.2 km))	2
2. Type of construction	
Type II	3
3. Number of Stories	
Single story	1

4. Separation Distance	
20 ft (6.1 m)	4
5. Building Floor Area	
22,000 ft <sup>2</sup> (2044 m <sup>2</sup> )	3
6. Firefighting access	
250 ft (76.2 m)	4
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Total Weighing Value	17

Per Table C-1: 2000 gpm (7570 L/m) for 150 minutes

(1) Example 3 - Barracks (Light Hazard)

Factors	Values
1. Fire Department response	
Off-site (more than 3 miles (4.8 km))	3
2. Type of construction	
Type II	2
3. Number of Stories	
Three stories	3
4. Separation Distance	
40 ft (12.2 m)	2
5. Building Floor Area	
9,000 ft <sup>2</sup> (836 m <sup>2</sup> )	2
6. Firefighting access	
200 ft (61 m)	2
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Total Weighing Value	14

Per Table C-1: 1125 gpm (4260 L/m) for 90 minutes

## **APPENDIX D PROCEDURE FOR PERFORMANCE BASED FIRE SAFETY DESIGN**

### **D-1 EQUIVALENT LEVEL OF SAFETY AND PROTECTION.**

Any proposed performance-based fire safety design must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the authority having jurisdiction, a level of safety equivalent to the minimum applicable prescriptive requirements of this UFC.

### **D-2 DEFINITIONS.**

#### **D-2.1 Stakeholders.**

The stakeholders are a group of identified individuals or representatives, typically having authoritative control or input, having a share or interest in the successful completion of a project. A project's identified stakeholders should include the building's design and construction team members, security, the authority having jurisdiction, accreditation agencies, tenants, and emergency responders. The representative of the component AHJ's office must be the stakeholder responsible for ultimate approval of any performance-based fire safety design.

### **D-3 FIRE SAFETY DESIGN DOCUMENTATION.**

Any facility designed using performance-based fire safety design methods must have supporting documentation, including a Fire Protection Engineering Design Brief, Performance-Based Design Report, Specifications, Drawings, Building Operation & Maintenance Manuals, and Warrant of Fitness.

#### **D-3.1 Fire Protection Engineering Design Brief.**

This is a separate document from the project Basis of Design, prepared by the design team's responsible fire protection engineer and containing general qualitative project information that has been agreed upon by the stakeholders. As a minimum, the design brief includes the project scope, facility and occupant characteristics, project goals and objectives, performance criteria, design fire scenarios, technical references and resources, two trial designs, documentation of project design engineers and their qualifications, and a record of agreement on the aforementioned components.

##### **D-3.1.1 General Project Information.**

This section describes the boundaries of the performance-based design as agreed upon by all stakeholders, and includes realistic and sustainable design information regarding building use, design purpose and approach, project constraints, and applicable regulations. The project budget should be clearly defined, so that the limitations and available budget for the proposed solutions can be known.

**D-3.1.2 Facility and Occupant Characteristics.**

The facility characteristics include an accurate and complete description of the building construction, operations, systems, physical contents and occupants. The occupant characteristic description includes the number, age, facility familiarity, gender, occupant loading, and potential for self-preservation of a facility's occupants. Accurately identify any necessary occupant response and interaction needed to provide hazard mitigation or securing of specific process or operational equipment. The occupant load is the maximum number of people realistically expected to occupy an area, as agreed upon by the stakeholders, but not less than the prescriptive occupant load densities of NFPA 101.

**D-3.1.3 Goals.**

Detail and document the goals of life safety, property protection, continuity of operations, and the limitation of the environmental impact of the fire, as defined by NFPA 101, and as additionally defined by the stakeholders. Adequately address the allied fire safety goals of historic preservation and environmental protection from fire protection measures. Identify each goal - realistically, quantifiably, and remaining constant throughout the design process. Address each goal by each proposed trial design, regardless of the goal's individual importance.

**D-3.1.4 Objectives and Acceptable Levels of Risk.**

Clearly identify stakeholder and design objectives associated with each of the required and user-defined goals.

**D-3.1.4.1** Stakeholder objectives are the specific project objectives based upon agreed fire safety goals and should be stated in terms of objectives, functional statements, or performance objectives. Stakeholders' objectives may be defined in terms of acceptable or sustainable loss or in terms of an acceptable level of risk. Where a design requires the determination of an acceptable level of risk, the authority having jurisdiction must ensure that the appropriate stakeholders make the determination. The level of risk may affect an entire base/community/command; therefore it is essential to ensure the person determining the level of risk is authorized to do so.

**D-3.1.4.2** Design objectives are developed by the design engineer based on the stakeholder objectives, and is stated in engineering terms. Use design objectives as the basis for the development of performance criteria, against which the predicted performance of a trial design will be evaluated.

**D-3.1.5 Performance Criteria.**

Develop quantitative performance criteria to represent the intent of each design objective and retained prescriptive requirement. Completely describe and

document these criteria. The performance criteria reflect the event consequences that need to be avoided to fulfill the design objectives, and include realistic values that are capable of being evaluated or measured using existing engineering tools and methods.

**D-3.1.5.1** The performance criteria must be a combination of the life safety and property protection criterion, along with criteria developed from stakeholder objectives.

Note: NFPA 101, Life Safety Code and the SFPE Engineering Guide to Performance-Based Fire Protection Analysis and Design of Buildings provide guidance regarding the development and evaluation of appropriate performance criteria.

#### **D-3.1.6 Design Fire Scenarios.**

Document complete descriptions of the reasoning, intent, and details of all required and stakeholder defined fire scenarios. Use realistic and accurate fire scenarios, with respect to all fire elements, including initial fire location, early rate of growth in fire severity, and smoke generation. Indicate in the description of the fire scenarios all applicable data, characteristics and assumptions, which must remain consistent between all fire scenarios. Ensure the omission of certain details will not reduce the reality of the proposed design fire scenario. The design engineer must justify any design fire scenario data that is omitted or cannot be considered by available evaluation methods, and this justification must be noted and approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

#### **D-3.1.7 Technical References and Resources [Methods of Evaluation].**

Thoroughly document all technical references, including methodologies, data and sources. Identify the scientific basis of each engineering calculation method or model. Develop, review and validate these methods using a consensus, peer-review process, or obtain from resource publications. Where the chosen methods do not permit the incorporation of all data or do not accurately address the incorporation of the data, perform a sensitivity analysis for any design, performance criteria, or fire scenario data that cannot be included or used in the chosen methods. Address all degrees of conservatism and factors of safety, and clearly identify the limitations of the calculation methods. Any method whose outcome is significantly altered by the omission of trial design or fire scenario details will not be approved, and the omission of critical data is prohibited. The use of proprietary and non-peer reviewed data or source is not permitted. The authority having jurisdiction must approve the assessment methods, data, and sources, and confirm the validity of all technical references and resources prior to the design evaluation. Provide the technical reviewer, upon request, any technical references or resources.

**D-3.1.7.1** The performance criteria must be capable of being proved or



measured using existing engineering tools and methods.

#### **D-3.1.8 Trial Designs.**

Identify and document the general details, including the proposed construction, systems, and protection methods. Include in the documentation the safety factors associated with each trial design, as agreed upon by the stakeholders. Clearly identify the impact of the safety factors so that a reasonable decision can be made as to whether their level is appropriate and sufficient. State any retained prescriptive requirements. Where the interaction of emergency response personnel is a designed protection method, accurately identify and confirm the impact and responsibility of the emergency personnel.

The performance criteria must be equally considered and addressed by each trial design against each fire scenario

Evaluate each trial design in each fire scenario using the agreed upon performance criteria.

#### **D-3.1.9 Project Team and Qualifications.**

Provide the qualifications and contact information for the entire design team, including the responsible fire protection engineer as part of the required documentation. A performance-based, fire-safety design must be prepared by a registered fire protection engineer with experience in performance-based fire safety design and specific experience with the engineering tools and methodologies that are anticipated for a particular project.

#### **D-3.2 Performance-Based Fire Safety Design Report.**

This documentation must be prepared by the responsible fire protection engineer, and used for general guidance. Indicate the building was designed using a performance-based fire safety design approach, and should convey the expected hazards, risks, and system performance over the entire building life-cycle. Include the project scope, design goals and objectives, performance criteria, design fire scenarios, critical design assumptions, critical design features, final design, cost benefit analysis, design engineer's qualifications and capabilities, and data and evaluation method references.

##### **D-3.2.1 Cost Benefit.**

The performance-based fire safety design report must indicate how the performance-based design maximizes the benefits/cost ratio while maintaining a level of safety equivalent to the established prescriptive requirements. A performance-based design must not be undertaken where the prescriptive requirements provide the same level of safety for a lesser cost. When there

exists multiple acceptable proposed design scenarios, the cost benefit analysis should aid in the identification and determination of the best solution.

**D-3.3 Building O&M Documentation.**

The responsible fire protection engineer must produce Building Operation and Maintenance documentation for the facility based on the objectives, performance criteria, limitations, and final design. Include all associated specifications and design drawings, and a description of the required maintenance procedures that need to be performed to ensure continued compliance with performance-based fire safety design.

**D-3.4 Warrant of Fitness.**

The host-tenant agreement must require that an annual warrant of fitness be prepared for any subsystem, system, or facility that has been designed using performance-based fire safety design methods. Submit this warrant to the authority having jurisdiction for review and assurance that the current facility characteristics comply with the requirements of the approved performance design. This warrant should reflect any existing or proposed changes in building occupancy, operation, features, systems, or emergency personnel response. Where emergency response is a critical element in the accepted fire safety design, reevaluate the design when changes are made to the operational procedures, location, or structure of the emergency response personnel.

**D-4 REVIEW OF TRIAL DESIGNS.**

Provide every performance-based fire safety design with a technical review, and develop a Review Brief. Analyze each trial design to determine the compliance with the required performance criteria. The reviewer must be an individual capable of providing a thorough evaluation of the proposed design, and must have the same minimum qualifications as the design fire protection engineer. If the authority responsible for the review of the performance-based fire safety design does not have the required qualifications, they must direct the designer to submit the design to a qualified third party for review.

**D-4.1 Third Party Review.**

When required, an assigned third party must provide an objective review of the project, and must not provide the actual fire safety design. When a third party is reviewing the design, the authority having jurisdiction remains a stakeholder and ultimately is responsible for the approval of the final design. When a review is assigned to a third party, provide the authority having jurisdiction with a Review Brief.

**D-4.2 Compliant Fire Safety Design.**

A compliant fire safety design must meet the stated performance criteria when subjected to each design fire scenario. A subsystem, system or facility design that complies with all requirements of the applicable prescriptive criteria is deemed as satisfying the minimum fire safety goals and objectives, and does not need to be evaluated against the design fire scenarios. Completely evaluate a performance-based fire safety design that incorporates only portions of applicable prescriptive criteria, as it is not considered to provide the minimum levels of protection.

Where a design does not meet the performance criteria, it may be revised and reevaluated. The revision must not reduce any agreed upon goals, objectives, performance criteria, or level of performance to ensure a proposed design complies with the stated requirements. Criteria may be changed based on additional analysis and the consideration of additional data.

#### **D-4.3          Review Brief.**

The Review Brief details how each proposed design compares with the required fire safety goals, objectives and performance criteria. The Brief provides a brief description of the details of each trial design, the technical resources and references, any concerns about steps in the design process and general concerns about the designer's performance-based fire safety design approach. The Brief indicates the acceptability of each design, the reasoning for each acceptance or rejection, and which design is recommended for final acceptance. It should also discuss levels of confidence over validation. The Brief should indicate how personnel and property protection are considered, which objectives the design stresses, a statement of what has been checked, the design solution, and the entire design approach and process.

**APPENDIX E INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, AND NFPA 220 EQUIVALENTS**

This table provides the corresponding types of construction from the various codes. This table is for information only.

IBC	UBC	NFPA 220
	Type I - FR	Type I (443)
Type I-A	Type II - FR	Type I (332)
Type I-B		Type II (222)
Type II-A	Type II - 1 Hour	Type II (111)
Type II-B	Type II - N	Type II (000)
Type III-A	Type III - 1 Hour	Type III (211)
Type III-B	Type III - N	Type III (200)
Type IV (HT)	Type IV (HT)	Type IV (2HH)
Type V-A	Type V-1 hour	Type V (111)
Type V-B	Type V-N	Type V (000)

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## APPENDIX F ACRONYMS

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ABA Architectural Barriers Act

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

ADAABAAG Americans with Disabilities Act and Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines

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ADP Automatic Data Processing

AFFF Aqueous Film-Forming Foam

AHJ Authority Having Jurisdiction

ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials

A&E Architectural and Engineering Services

AWWA American Water Works Association

CDC Child Development Center

DLA Defense Logistics Agency

DOD Department of Defense

DODI Department of Defense Instruction

EM Engineering Manual

EMCS Energy Monitoring and Control System

ESFR Early Suppression Fast-Response Sprinklers

ETL Engineering Technical Letters

FAAA Fire Administration Authorization Act

FM Factory Mutual Global

FPE Fire Protection Engineer

FRT Fire Retardant Treated Plywood

FS Flame Spread Rating

IBC	International Building Code
ITG	Interim Technical Guidance
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LOX	Liquid Oxygen
MIL-HDBK	Military Handbook
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NIMA	National Imagery and Mapping Agency
NRTL	Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory
P.E.	Registered Professional Engineer
POL	Petroleum Oil Lubricant
PRVs	Pressure-Regulating Valves
SD	Smoke Developed Rating
SFPE	Society of Fire Protection Engineers
UFAS	Uniform Federal Accessibility Standard
UFC	Unified Facilities Criteria
UL	Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
USC	United States Code