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MEMORANDUM

TO: NFPA Technical Correlating Committee on Automatic Sprinkler Systems
FROM: Elena Carroll, Administrator, Technical Projects
DATE: January 20, 2012
SUBJECT: NFPA 13 ROC TCC FINAL Ballot Results (A2012)

The Final Results of the NFPA 13 ROC TCC Letter Ballot are as follows:

19 Members Eligible to Vote
4 Not Returned (Ketner, Palenske, Spaulding, and Stultz)

PART 1 (TCC Notes)

14 Affirmative
1 Negatives (Franson)
0 Abstentions

PART 2 (Release of ROC)

14 Affirmative (Friedman, w/comments)
1 Negatives (Franson)
0 Abstentions

There are two criteria necessary to pass ballot [(1) affirmative $\frac{3}{4}$ vote and (2) simple majority].

- (1) The number of affirmative votes needed for the comment to pass is **12**.
(19 eligible to vote - 4 not returned - 0 abstentions = $15 \times 0.75 = 11.25$)
- (2) In all cases, an affirmative vote of at least a simple majority of the total membership eligible to vote is required. This is the calculation for simple majority:

$$[19 \text{ eligible} \div 2 = 9.5 = \mathbf{(10)}]$$

Reasons for negative votes, etc. are attached for your review. Ballots received from alternate members are not included unless the ballot from the principal member was not received.

According to the final ballot results, all ballot items received the necessary $\frac{3}{4}$ required affirmative votes to pass ballot.

Technical Correlating Committee on Automatic Sprinkler Systems
Ballot on the NFPA 13 Report on Comments (A2012)

Part 1: Letter Ballot on the Technical Correlating Committee Amendments to the ROC (TCC Notes), please record me as voting:

_____ AFFIRMATIVE ~~_____~~ NEGATIVE* _____ ABSTAINING*

EXPLANATION OF VOTE - Please type or print your comments:

*An explanation must accompany a negative or abstaining vote.

Part 2: Letter Ballot Authorizing the Release of the ROC (This is an Informational Letter Ballot only), please record me as voting:

_____ AFFIRMATIVE ~~_____~~ NEGATIVE* _____ ABSTAINING*

EXPLANATION OF VOTE - Please type or print your comments:

*An explanation must accompany a negative or abstaining vote.

For either Part 1 or Part 2, if you have correlating issues, please describe below (include section/paragraph and the issue):

Signature

Name (Please Print)

Date

Please return the ballot as soon as possible but not later than **January 11, 2012.**

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Elena Carroll, Administrator, Technical Projects
NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

FAX: 617-984-7110/Email: ecarroll@nfpa.org

TO: Elena Carroll, Administrator, Technical Projects

FROM: Scott Franson, The Viking Corporation

DATE: January 9, 2012

SUBJECT: NFPA 13 ROC TCC Letter Ballot (A2012)

This is to explain my negative vote on the subject ballot.

During the December 2011 NFPA AUT-AAC TCC ROC meeting the CPVC plastic pipe compatibility issue was discussed. Specifically, the fact that the NFPA 13 AUT-SSI TC accepted a proposal addressing compatibility and the NFPA AUT-RSS TC rejected a proposal addressing compatibility. With these results there would now exist a correlation issue between NFPA 13 and NFPA 13R.

The TCC decided that the CPVC compatibility issue was much too important to wait another cycle for resolution and that something must be done during this cycle. Accordingly, a motion was made to accept a proposal that was accepted by the NFPA 13 AUT-SSI TC and apply this proposal to NFPA 13R to achieve correlation. The motion carried and the majority of the TCC voted affirmative.

While I fully agree on the importance of the CPVC compatibility issue and on the importance of correlation between the NFPA 13 and NFPA 13R, I disagree with the approach of the TCC on this issue. I disagree with the fact that the actions of the TCC will allow changes to be made to the standard that completely ignore the rejection of the NFPA AUT-RSS TC. I believe that something as important as the CPVC compatibility issue should be fully vetted and accepted by any and all of the Technical Committees.

Carroll, Elena

From: Michael Friedman [mikefriedman311@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2012 2:41 PM
To: Carroll, Elena
Subject: RE: NFPA 13 and 13R ROC Ballot Packages

Please record my ballots as follows:

1. NFPA 13:
 - a. Affirmative as to Amendments to the ROC
 - b. Affirmative as to Release of the ROC

Comments: I found the inclusion of all the editorial references to font somewhat confusing and superfluous. Also, I know when we excerpt it is a direct copy, but there is a possibility of confusion when some documents list metric first and English units second whereas NFPA 13 (fgr the time being) lists English units first and metric second.

2. NFPA 13R
 - a. Affirmative as to Amendments to the ROC
 - b. Affirmative as to Release of the ROC

Comment: In spite of Gary Johnson's objection to differing wording on the CPVC issue, I would like to restate my feeling the documents must correlate on this issue.

Michael Friedman, P.E.

From: Carroll, Elena [<mailto:ecarroll@nfpa.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 1:51 PM
To: Carroll, Elena
Cc: Klaus, Matthew
Subject: FW: NFPA 13 and 13R ROC Ballot Packages

Technical Correlating Committee on Automatic Sprinkler Systems:
This serves as a reminder to you to please return your ballots no later than Wednesday, January 11, 2012. According my records you have not returned one or both of the enclosed ballots.

Thank you.
Elena Carroll
ecarroll@nfpa.org

From: Carroll, Elena
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2011 2:54 PM
To: Carroll, Elena
Cc: Klaus, Matthew; Walker, Nancy; Grant, Louise
Subject: NFPA 13 and 13R ROC Ballot Packages

Technical Correlating Committee on Automatic Sprinkler Systems:

Attached are the initial ROC TCC ballot packages on NFPA 13 and 13R. Please complete and return your ballots to Elena Carroll either via email at ecarroll@nfpa.org or fax to 617-984-7110, or mail to my attention at NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169.

Ballots are due back no later than January 11, 2012.