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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	**D#10-22**
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Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of 3-5 August 2010, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter.

Attached is the final decision of the Standards Council on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

c: D. Berry, M. Brodoff, L. Fuller, P. May, J. Moreau-Correia
Members, TC on Water-Cooling Towers (WAC-AAA)
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

*NOTE: Participants in NFPA's codes and standards making process should know that limited review of this decision may be sought from the NFPA Board of Directors. For the rules describing the available review and the method for petitioning the Board for review, please consult section 1-7 of the NFPA Regulations Governing Committee Projects and the NFPA Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council. Notice of the intent to file such a petition must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Directors within 15 calendar days of the Date of Decision noted in the subject line of this letter.

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SUMMARY ACTION: *The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal to reject Comment 214-1.*

At its meeting of August 3-5, 2010, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Marcelo Hirschler, GBH International. The appeal requests that the 2011 edition of NFPA 214, *Standard on Water-Cooling Towers*, be issued with the rejection of Comment 214-1. Specifically, the Comment sought to return the definition of "fire resistant partition" to the previous edition.

As background, a modification of the definition of "fire resistant partition" was submitted and rejected as Proposal 214-3. The definition was modified and accepted as Comment 214-1. A Certified Amending Motion (CAM 214-1) seeking the rejection of Comment 214-1 was made at the 2010 Association Technical Meeting (Tech Session). The motion failed.

The appeal requests that the Council overturn the action that was recommended by the NFPA codes and standards development process. On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA codes and standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will overturn the result recommended through that process, only where a clear and substantial basis for doing so is demonstrated. The Council has reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and has considered all the arguments put forth in this appeal. In the view of the Council, this appeal does not present any clear and substantial basis on which to overturn the results yielded by the NFPA codes and standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to deny the appeal. The effect of this action is that the definition of "fire resistant partition" will remain as modified by the TC in Comment 214-1.