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Secretary, Standards Council

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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	<b>D#10-17</b>
Standards Council Agenda Item:	<b>SC#10-8-3-f</b>
Date of Decision*:	5 August 2010
NFPA 25, <i>Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems</i> , 2011 edition	

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Amy Beasley Cronin'.

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Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

- c: D. Berry, M. Brodoff, L. Fuller, M. Klaus, J. Moreau-Correia  
Members, TC on Inspection, Testing, & Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems (INM-AAA)  
Members, TC on Fire Pumps (FIM-AAA)  
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)  
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

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\*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 Comments 25-68, 25-70, 25-71 and 25-72 which sought to return the operational no-flow tests for electric motor driven pumps back to weekly from monthly.*

At its meeting of August 3-5, 2010, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Richard Ray of Cybor Fire Protection Company, seeking, in a Group Amending Motion, to reject Comments 25-68, 25-70, 25-71 and 25-72 on the 2011 edition of NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*. Specifically, the appellant seeks to return the operational no-flow tests for electric motor driven pumps back to weekly from monthly.

As background, Proposal 25-133 was submitted to the Technical Committee on Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Systems (TC). The Proposal recommended changing operational no-flow tests for all fire pumps from weekly to monthly. The Proposal was rejected by the TC. Subsequently, Comments 25-68, 25-70, 25-71, and 25-72 were submitted seeking to readdress the test frequency issue in various ways. The TC actions on these Comments, which were a combination of accepts and accepts in principle and in part, had the effect of accepting monthly testing for electric motor driven pumps. A Group Certified Amending Motion (CAM 25-13) seeking to reject Comments 25-68, 25-70, 25-71 and 25-72 and return the test frequency for electric motor driven pumps back to weekly 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 operational no-flow tests for electric motor driven pumps will remain at monthly.

The Council wished to note that if members of the Technical Committee on Fire Pumps which is responsible for NFPA 20, the appellants, or others wish to address this or other issues going forward, they can do so in the regular document revision process or they can raise the issue as a Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA), if appropriate.

Council Member J.C. Harrington recused himself during the hearings, deliberations and vote on the issue.