The Beat Goes On with Standards

Although 2020 has been anything but routine, many things at NFPA are moving forward as usual.

The Standards Council completed its August meeting, hearing one appeal; issuing 10 documents and 29 Tentative Interim Amendments; appointing individuals into 400+ committee seats; and approving three standards to enter their initial revision cycles, among other Council business. The complete results of all Council actions are posted and available at nfpa.org/sc.

Meanwhile, NFPA Committees are continuing to hold task group meetings, as well as first and second draft committee meetings, ensuring that the standards development process continues in COVID-19 times. Public Inputs, Public Comments and membership applications continue to be submitted, and in many cases, at levels that surpass historic averages.

How can you be part of the continuing commitment to improving safety through NFPA standards? Submit a Public Input or Public Comment; attend a Technical Committee meeting; volunteer to participate on a Task Group working on recommendations for a standard that interests or impacts you; or apply for committee membership.

For information on all these opportunities and more, visit nfpa.org/docinfo today!

Special Announcement Regarding NFPA 80

Following the posting of the First Draft Report, an error was identified by staff. Specifically, First Revision No. 43 failed ballot of the responsible Technical Committee, was identified and marked as a Committee Input (CI), but the text was not removed: remaining erroneously as text. This error has been corrected, the Technical Committee has been made aware, and submitters of Public Comments (PC) on the affected section have additionally been notified and provided opportunity to submit additional PCs on the section (should they so desire based upon the corrected text) for Technical Committee consideration at the Second Draft Meeting.

Seeking members for NEW Committees on NFPA 1, Fire Code project starting next edition

At its April 1, 2020 meeting, the NFPA Standards Council approved the committee restructuring for the NFPA 1, Fire Code project. The Fire Code has a very broad scope which addresses a variety of hazards. Following issuance of the 2021 edition of NFPA 1, the project will be developed by three technical committees (Technical Committee on Fundamentals; Technical Committee on Building Systems and Special Occupancies; and Technical Committee on Special Equipment, Processes and Hazardous Materials) and a correlating committee (Fire Code Correlating Committee). The new, multiple committee structure allows for more focused engagement by industry experts.
• Technical Committee on Fundamentals (FCC-FUN): Submit online application

Committee scope: This committee shall have primary responsibility for documents on the basic goals, objectives, performance requirements, classification of occupancy, general safety requirements, building services, fire department access, and definitions for the purpose of providing safety to life and property from fire and explosion.

Responsibility:
NFPA 1, Fire Code, Chapters 1-11, 15 and 18
NFPA 1, Fire Code, Annexes A-D and Annex F

• Technical Committee on Building Systems and Special Occupancies (FCC-OCP): Submit online application

Committee scope: This committee shall have primary responsibility for documents on building fire protection and life safety systems, construction operations, occupancy fire safety and definitions for the purpose of providing safety to life and property from fire and explosion.

Responsibility:
NFPA 1, Fire Code, Chapters 3, 12-14, 16-17, and 19-39
NFPA 1, Fire Code, Annexes A and E

• Technical Committee on Special Equipment, Processes, and Hazardous Materials (FCC-HAZ): Submit online application

Committee scope: This committee shall have primary responsibility for documents on special equipment and processes in buildings, the storage, use and handling of hazardous materials indoors and outdoors, and definitions for the purpose of providing safety to life and property from fire and explosion.

Responsibility:
NFPA 1, Fire Code, Chapters 3 and 40-75
NFPA 1, Fire Code, Annex A

• Fire Code Correlating Committee (FCC-AAC): Submit online application*

Committee scope: This committee shall have primary responsibility for documents on a Fire Prevention Code that includes appropriate administrative provisions, to be used with the National Fire Codes for the installation, operation, and maintenance of buildings, structures, and premises for the purpose of providing safety to life and property from fire and explosion. This includes development of requirements for, and maintenance of, systems and equipment for fire control and extinction. Safety to life of occupants of buildings and structures is under the primary jurisdiction of the Committee on Safety to Life.

Responsibility:
NFPA 1, Fire Code

NOTE*: Typically, correlating committee membership is limited to people with technical committee experience. If you are interested in serving on the correlating committee but have never served on an NFPA technical committee we encourage you to first apply to a technical committee.

The Council notes that the current committee responsible for the development of NFPA 1 is to complete its work through the issuance and effective date of the current processing cycle. Council anticipates the disbanding of the current NFPA 1 committee and appointing the initial roster of the new committees at the December 2020 Council meeting.

Proposed Tentative Interim Amendments Seeking Comments

The following proposed tentative interim amendments (TIAs) are being published for public review and comment. Anyone may submit a comment on these proposed TIAs by the listed closing dates. Along with your comment, please include the number of the TIA and forward to the Secretary of the Standards Council.

TIAs are amendments to an NFPA standard that are processed in accordance with Section 5 of the Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards. If issued, TIAs become effective between editions of a standard. A TIA automatically becomes a Public Input for the next edition of the standard, then proceeds through the NFPA standards development process.

NFPA 61-2020 Edition
Standard for the Prevention of Fires and Dust Explosions in Agricultural and Food Processing Facilities
TIA Log No.: 1485
Reference: A.9.3.16.5 and Table A.9.3.16.5
Comment Closing Date: September 9, 2020
Submitter: Steven Luzik, DEKRA Process Safety
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/61

NFPA 70® - 2020 Edition
National Electrical Code®
TIA Log No.: 1478
Reference: 334.10 items (2), (3), and (4)
Comment Closing Date: August 20, 2020
Submitter: Joseph Andre, JFA Consulting
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/70

NFPA 70® - 2020 Edition
National Electrical Code®
TIA Log No.: 1524
Reference: 680.2 Storable Swimming, Wading, or Immersion Pools; or Storable/Portable Spas and Hot Tubs, and Informational Note (new)
Comment Closing Date: September 9, 2020
Submitter: James T. Dollard, Jr., IBEW Local Union 98
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/70

NFPA 70® - 2020 Edition
National Electrical Code®
TIA Log No.: 1529
Reference: 210.8(F)
Comment Closing Date: September 23, 2020
Submitter: Donald Cook, Shelby County, AL Development Services
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/70

NFPA 99- 2021 Edition
Health Care Facilities Code
TIA Log No.: 1521

Submitter: Donald Cook, Shelby County, AL Development Services
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/99
Reference: 5.1.3.10.2.4
Comment Closing Date: August 20, 2020
Submitter: Rob Early, Compressed Gas Association
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/99

NFPA 921-2021 Edition
Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations
TIA Log No.: 1528
Reference: 3.3.78 and Figure 6.1.5
Comment Closing Date: September 23, 2020
Submitter: Thomas W. Horton, Jr., South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance Company
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/921

Errata Issued
An errata is a correction issued to an NFPA Standard; it is posted on the document’s information page (accessible by the link below) and Codes online and is incorporated in the text of the document.

NFPA 484-2019
Standard for Combustible Metals
Reference: 15.8.2.1.1.1(A) and 15.8.2.1.1.3(G)
Errata No: 484-19-1
Issue Date: August 17, 2020
Available for review at www.nfpa.org/484

NFPA 1500™-2021
Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness Program
Reference: Figure B.2
Errata No: 1500-21-1
Issue Date: August 17, 2020
Available for review at www.nfpa.org/1500

Committee Calendar
Detailed meeting information is located on each Document Information Page. If you are planning to attend a Technical Committee meeting as a guest, please familiarize yourself with the Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards (Section 3.3.3.3) for further information.

For specific meeting information, please contact the responsible staff liaison listed on NFPA’s Document Information Page and refer to the Technical Committee tab.

Interested in getting more involved? NFPA Technical Committee meetings are open to the public. See if there is one near you.

August 2020
19 Animal Housing Facilities (150 Second Draft), Web/Teleconference

September 2020
1-3 Portable Fire Extinguishers (10 Second Draft), Web/Teleconference
9-10 Gaseous Fire Extinguishing Systems (12, 12A, 2001), Web/Teleconference
15 Gaseous Fire Extinguishing Systems (12, 12A, 2001), Web/Teleconference
15-16 Pyrotechnics (1123, 1124, 1125 Second Draft), Web/Teleconference

16 Hazardous Materials Response Personnel (470, 475 Pre-Second Draft), Web/Teleconference
17 Gaseous Fire Extinguishing Systems (12, 12A, 2001), Web/Teleconference
17 Aircraft Fuel Servicing (407 Second Draft), Web/Teleconference
17 Spaceports (461 Pre-First Draft), Web/Teleconference
30-10/2 Fire Pumps (20 Second Draft), Web/Teleconference

October 2020
6-8 Fire Doors and Windows (80, 105 Second Draft), Web/Teleconference
6-8 Road Tunnel and Highway Fire Protection (502 First Draft), Web/Teleconference
7 Gaseous Fire Extinguishing Systems (12, 12A, 2001 Second Draft), Web/Teleconference
12 Hazard and Risk of Contents and Furnishings (557 First Draft), Web/Teleconference
20-23 Garages and Parking Structures (88A First Draft), Web/Teleconference
21-23 Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Systems (25 First Draft), Web/Teleconference
26-29 Fixed Guideway Transit and Passenger Rail Systems (130 First Draft), Web/Teleconference
27-30 Construction and Demolition (241 Second Draft), Web/Teleconference

November 2020
2-3 Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Systems (25 First Draft), Web/Teleconference
12 Gas Process Safety (56 Pre-First Draft), Web/Teleconference

Committees Seeking Members
NFPA is currently accepting online applications for Committee membership. Deadline for applications to be reviewed at the April 2021 Standards Council meeting is December 11, 2020.

To apply for NFPA Committee membership, visit the Document Information Page for the relevant NFPA standard(s) for which the Committee is responsible.

Then choose the “Technical Committee” tab and select the link “Apply to Committee.” Sign-in or create a free online account with NFPA before using this application system.

The Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards require that no more than one-third of the voting members shall represent any one interest. On some occasions, a Technical Committee or Correlating Committee may be temporarily out of balance, due to a member resignation, change of status, pending recruitment efforts, or other circumstance, resulting in representation of an interest exceeding one-third of the total Voting Members. In such circumstances, the Standards Council requests that recruitment efforts be made to restore the Technical Committee or Correlating Committee to a normal balance of interests.

Standards Seeking Public Input
For a complete listing of NFPA standards accepting Public Input, please go to www.nfpa.org/publicinput. Public Input received by 5:00 p.m. ET on the closing date will be acted upon by the responsible committee(s), and the action(s) will be published in the standard’s First Draft Report. Submit Public Input electronically via
the NFPA electronic submission system. For instructions on how to use the electronic submission system, please go to www.nfpa.org/publicinput.

**Standards Seeking Public Comment**

For a complete listing of NFPA standards accepting Public Comment, please go to [www.nfpa.org/publiccomment](http://www.nfpa.org/publiccomment). Public comments received by 5:00 p.m. ET on the closing date will be acted upon by the responsible committee(s), and the action(s) will be published in the standard’s Second Draft Report. Submit Public Comment electronically via the NFPA electronic submission system. For instructions on how to use the electronic submission system, please go to [www.nfpa.org/publiccomment](http://www.nfpa.org/publiccomment).