NITMAMs and News regarding the 2021 NFPA Technical Meeting

As you may be aware, the window for submitting NITMAMs on A’21 cycle standards will close on February 17th (ERRS Custom Group 1 standards close on April 26th). Any standards not receiving NITMAMs will be forwarded to the Standards Council for issuance, while those standards receiving NITMAMs will be processed by the Motions Committee for determination of certification for the 2021 NFPA Technical Meeting (Tech Session).

As the world continues grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic and NFPA focuses on safety, NFPA has made the decision to host the 2021 NFPA Technical Meeting in electronic format. The debate is planned to take place over the course of multiple weeks, as in 2020, to allow interested stakeholders to express positions on each certified amending motion ("CAM"). The closing of the debate will be followed by a period for voting by registered, eligible NFPA members. Building upon the 2020 event, tutorials and guidance for participation are being developed for launch well in advance of the opening of the Tech Session for debate. Please visit nfpa.org/2021techsession for updates on CAMs, participation, instruction, and voting.

New Project on the Fire Protection of Cannabis Growing and Processing Facilities

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is considering expanding the development of standards relating to the fire protection of cannabis growing and processing facilities (currently included with NFPA 1, Fire Code), with the development of an ANSI Accredited Standard dedicated to this subject matter. Standards development will address the protection of facilities from fire and related hazards where cannabis is being grown, processed, extracted or tested. As the legalized cannabis industry continues to rapidly expand in the United States and globally, there is a need for clear guidance on fire safety considerations for the facilities in which cannabis growing and processing occurs.

Activities related to the proposed project are anticipated to focus on:

* Cannabis growing facilities
* Cannabis processing facilities
* Cannabis extracting facilities
* Cannabis testing labs
* General skills, knowledge and experience to maintain fire and related hazard safety by facility operators and facility managers
* General skills, knowledge and experience to inspect, test and maintain cannabis growing, processing, extraction or testing facilities from fire and related hazards
NFPA is seeking comments from all interested organizations and individuals to gauge whether support exists for development of a standard dedicated to the fire protection of cannabis growing and processing facilities. Specifically, please submit your comments to the following:

1. Are you, or your organization, in favor of the development of an NFPA Standard pertaining to the fire protection of cannabis growing and processing facilities?
2. Please state your reason(s) for supporting or opposing such standards development.
3. Are you or your organization interested in applying for membership on the Technical Committee if the Standards Council initiates development activities on the proposed project?
4. If yes, please submit an application, in addition to your comments in support of the project, online at: Submit online application*

*Note: Applications being accepted for purposes of documenting applicant interest in committee participation. Acceptance of applications by NFPA does not guaranty or imply the Standards Council will ultimately approve standards development activity on this subject matter.

Please submit all comments, in support or opposition to standards development related to fire protection of cannabis growing and processing facilities by March 31, 2021 at: stds_admin@nfpa.org.

New Project on Mobile Food Establishments/Mobile Cooking Operations

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is considering the development of ANSI Accredited Standards in support of the mobile food establishment community, as well as the life safety inspection communities. Standards development will include requirements to provide minimum fire and life safety provisions for mobile food establishments including design, installation, operation, inspection and maintenance of the cooking equipment, systems and mobile unit.

NFPA is seeking comments from all interested organizations and individuals to gauge whether support exists for standards development for mobile cooking establishments/mobile cooking operations. Specifically, please submit your comments to the following:

1. Are you, or your organization, in favor of the development of an NFPA Standard pertaining to minimum fire and life safety provisions for mobile food establishments?
2. Please state your reason(s) for supporting or opposing such standards development.
3. Are you or your organization interested in applying for membership on the Technical Committee if the Standards Council initiates development activities on the proposed project? If yes, please submit an application, in addition to your comments in support of the project, online at: Submit online application

*Note: Applications being accepted for purposes of documenting applicant interest in committee participation. Acceptance of applications by NFPA does not guaranty or imply the Standards Council will ultimately approve standards development activity on this subject matter.

Please submit all comments to Standards Administration, in support or opposition for standards development on mobile food establishments, by February 24, 2021: stds_admin@nfpa.org.

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. An issued TIA automatically becomes a Public Input for the next edition of the standard, and proceeds through the NFPA standards development process.

NFPA 72®-2019 and Proposed 2022 Editions
National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code®
TIA Log No.: 1548
Reference: A.14.3.2(new) and A.14.4.4.1(new)
Comment Closing Date: January 25, 2021
Submitter: Art Black, Carmel Fire Protection Associates
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/72

NFPA 72®-2019 and Proposed 2022 Editions
National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code®
TIA Log No.: 1549
Reference: 26.2.10(new)
Comment Closing Date: January 25, 2021
Submitter: Art Black, Carmel Fire Protection Associates
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/72

NFPA 499-2021 Edition
Recommended Practice for the Classification of Combustible Dusts and of Hazardous (Classified) Locations for Electrical Installations in Chemical Process Areas
TIA Log No.: 1546
Reference: Various paragraphs
Comment Closing Date: February 1, 2021
Submitter: David Wechsler, Consultant
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/499

NFPA 1403-2018 Edition
Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions
TIA Log No.: 1552
Reference: Section 4.13.2
Comment Closing Date: February 1, 2021
Submitter: Ryan McGill, IAFF Local 2068 Fairfax County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics
Available for review and comment submission at www.nfpa.org/1403

Standards Council Issues Tentative Interim Amendments

At the December 2020 Standards Council meeting, the following Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA) had received an appeal and the
Standards Council voted to issue it. The following TIA was issued on December 3, 2020 with an effective date of December 23, 2020.

**NFPA 99-2021 Edition**  
*Health Care Facilities Code*  
Reference: 5.1.3.10.2.4  
TIA 99-21-1  
(SC 20-12-18 / TIA Log #1521)  
SC Decision #20-4

In addition, the Standards Council also issued the following TIAs with an issuance date of December 3 and an effective date of December 23, 2020:

**NFPA 1-2021 Edition**  
*Fire Code*  
Reference: A.11.12.2.1.1(a) and (b)  
TIA 21-11  
(SC 20-12-4 / TIA Log #1541)  
[www.nfpa.org/1](http://www.nfpa.org/1)

**NFPA 11-2016 Edition**  
*Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam*  
Reference: Annex E  
TIA 16-1  
(SC 20-12-5 / TIA Log #1540)  
[www.nfpa.org/11](http://www.nfpa.org/11)

**NFPA 11-2021 Edition**  
*Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam*  
Reference: Annex E  
TIA 21-1  
(SC 20-12-5 / TIA Log #1540)  
[www.nfpa.org/11](http://www.nfpa.org/11)

**NFPA 11-2021 Edition**  
*Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam*  
Reference: 7.6  
TIA 21-2  
(SC 20-12-6 / TIA Log #1519)  
[www.nfpa.org/11](http://www.nfpa.org/11)

**NFPA 13-2019 Edition**  
*Standard for Installation of Sprinkler Systems*  
Reference: Table 25.2.5.1.1  
TIA 19-9  
(SC 20-12-7 / TIA Log #1518)  
[www.nfpa.org/13](http://www.nfpa.org/13)

**NFPA 61-2020 Edition**  
*Standard for the Prevention of Fires and Dust Explosions in Agricultural and Food Processing Facilities*  
Reference: 9.3.14.2.2.6  
TIA 20-1  
(SC 20-12-9 / TIA Log #1538)  
[www.nfpa.org/61](http://www.nfpa.org/61)

**NFPA 92-2021 Edition**  
*Standard for Smoke Control Systems*  
Reference: A.4.A.4.1.4 Eq a and b, and N.1.2.10  
TIA 21-1  
(SC 20-12-16 / TIA Log #1531)  
[www.nfpa.org/92](http://www.nfpa.org/92)

**NFPA 260-2019 Edition**  
*Standard Methods of Tests and Classification System for Cigarette Ignition Resistance of Components of Upholstered Furniture*  
Reference: 4.3 and A.4.3

**TIA 19-2**  
(SC 20-12-19 / TIA Log #1532)  
[www.nfpa.org/260](http://www.nfpa.org/260)

**NFPA 261-2018 Edition**  
*Standard Method of Test for Determining Resistance of Mock-Up Upholstered Furniture Material Assemblies to Ignition by Smoldering Cigarettes*  
Reference: 4.2 and A.4.2  
TIA 18-1  
(SC 20-12-20 / TIA Log #1533)  
[www.nfpa.org/261](http://www.nfpa.org/261)

**NFPA 921-2021 Edition**  
*Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*  
Reference: 3.3.78 and Figure 6.1.5  
TIA 21-1  
(SC 20-12-23 / TIA Log #1528)  
[www.nfpa.org/921](http://www.nfpa.org/921)

The following TIAs were NOT issued:

NFPA 70, (TIA No. 1530)  
NFPA 70, (TIA No. 1529)  
NFPA 70, (TIA No. 1535)  
NFPA 92, (TIA No. 1536)  
NFPA 499, (TIA No. 1534)

The following TIAs which received Appeals were NOT issued:

NFPA 70, (TIA No. 1478)  
See also SC Decision #20-2

NFPA 70, (TIA No. 1524)  
See also SC Decision #20-5

NFPA 70, (TIA No. 1537)  
See also SC Decision #20-3

NFPA 407, (TIA No. 1539)  
See also SC Decision #20-6

**DEFER ACTION UNTIL APRIL 2021:**

NFPA 61, (TIA No. 1485)

**Committee Calendar**

Detailed meeting information is located on each Document Information Page under the Next Edition tab. 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.

As NFPA continues to ensure the safety of our volunteers and participants during the COVID-19 pandemic, all meetings are currently being held via Web meeting.

**January 2021**

20-22  Mass Evacuation and Sheltering (1660 First Draft)  
22  Static Electricity (77 Pre-First Draft)
Code-Making Panel 14: January 4 – 9, 2021

Code-Making Panel 15: December 14 – 19, 2020

Code-Making Panel 16: January 11 – 16, 2021

Code-Making Panel 17: January 4 – 9, 2021

Code-Making Panel 18: November 30 – December 5, 2020

Committees Seeking Members

NFPA is currently accepting online applications for Committee membership. Deadline for applications to be reviewed at the August 2021 Standards Council meeting is April 16, 2021.

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

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