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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	D#09-17 (REVISED)
Standards Council Agenda Item:	SC#09-8-3-b
Date of Decision*:	6 August 2009
NFPA 20, <i>Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection</i> , 2010 edition	

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of 4-6 August 2009, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter.

Please note that a correction has been made to the original final decision which was previously sent out on 13 August 2009 for Council agenda item SC#09-8-3-b (Decision #09-17) on NFPA 20. Specifically, the only change is in the first paragraph, which is the summary description of what the appellant sought to achieve in the appeal. The denial of the appeal and the rest of the decision remains unchanged.

The first paragraph is shown here in legislative text to show the revisions:

“At its meeting of 4-6 August 2009, the Standard Council considered an appeal from Gayle Pennel, Chair of the Technical Committee on Fire Pumps (TC), requesting to maintain the TC position ~~the acceptance of Comment 20-66~~ in the 2010 edition of NFPA 20, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection*. Specifically the appellant sought to ~~delete~~ ~~reinst~~ate the requirements for limited service controllers.”

A copy of the revised final decision is enclosed (no legislative text). No other changes have been made to the original final decision dated 13 August 2009.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Beasley Cronin".

Amy Beasley Cronin
Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

- c: D. Berry, M. Brodoff, L. Fuller, J. Gamache, J. Moreau-Correia
Members, TC on Fire Pumps (FIM-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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As background, Proposal 20-88 recommended deleting Section 10.7 and associated annex material, thereby deleting the requirements for limited service controllers. This Proposal was accepted by the TC. Subsequently, Comment 20-66 recommended rejection of Proposal 20-88, thereby reinstating the requirements for limited service controllers. The Comment was rejected by the TC.

A Certified Amending Motion (CAM 20-3) seeking to accept Comment 20-66 was made at the 2009 Association Technical Meeting (Tech Session). The amending motion was supported by the NFPA membership, but failed to pass the subsequent balloting of the TC. When a recommended amendment is not approved by the TC, the default recommendation of the codes and standards development process is that no change from the existing edition should occur, and the portion of the Report modified by the Association recommended amendment is returned to previous edition text. In this case, therefore, the default recommendation that comes to the Council is that Section 10.7 and associated annex containing requirements for limited service controllers will be retained since it existed in the previous edition.

The appeal requests that the Standards Council take action other than that recommended by the full NFPA codes and standards development process. On appeal, the Standards 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 a clear and substantial basis on which to overturn the results recommended by the NFPA codes and standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to deny the appeal. The effect of this action is that Section 10.7 and associated annex will be returned to previous edition text, which contains the requirements for the limited service controllers.