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To: Interested Parties

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Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of August 17-19, 2015, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter. On August 21, 2015, NFPA issued the Council’s decision on the appeal in the form of a “Short” decision which briefly stated the outcome of the appeal and which indicated that a full Final decision on the appeal would be issued in due course and sent to all interested parties as soon as it became available.

The Council’s Final decision is now available and is attached herewith.

Sincerely,

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c: D. Berry, S. Everett, L. Fuller, R. Bielen, M. Klaus
Members, TC on Private Water Supply Piping Systems (AUT-PRI)
Members, TC on Sprinkler System Installation Criteria (AUT-SSI)
Members, CC on Automatic Sprinkler Systems (AUT-AAC)
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary
SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision): The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal to Accept Public Comment No. 222, and Reject an Identifiable Part of Second Correlating Revision No. 24.

DECISION:
At its meeting of August 17-19, 2015, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Ariel Carp of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The appeal requests that the Standards Council Accept Public Comment No. 222, and Reject an Identifiable Part of Second Correlating Revision No. 24 for the proposed 2016 edition of NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.

The Council, having reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and having considered all the arguments put forth in this appeal, has voted to deny the appeal. The Council further voted to issue NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, 2016 Edition, as amended in accordance with the actions taken at the NFPA Technical Meeting and subsequent balloting of the Technical and Correlating Committees.

As background, the appellant filed a Notice of Intent to File a Motion (NITMAM) in compliance with NFPA Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards (Regs) which was certified by the Motions Committee for presentation at the 2015 NFPA Technical Meeting (Tech Session). Certified Amending Motion 13-5 sought to accept Public Comment No. 222, and Reject an Identifiable Part of Second Correlating Revision No. 24. Specifically, Mr. Carp seeks to retain “AWWA M11, A Guide for Steel Pipe Design and Installation, 3rd edition, 1989”, within Section 2.3.6 of NFPA 13.1

Although Certified, Motion 13-5 was not made at the 2015 Tech Session, therefore no action was taken by the membership on this matter. Mr. Carp filed his appeal with the Standards Council on June 18, 2015 seeking the actions specified above.

On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will deviate from 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.

1 Note: As the requirements and references of Section 2.3.6 and 10.1.1.1 in NFPA 13 are extracted from NFPA 24, Mr. Carp additionally sought inclusion of AWWA M11, A Guide for Steel Pipe Design and Installation, in Chapters 2 and 10 of NFPA 24.
The present appeal requests that the Council overturn the action recommended by the standards development process. In the view of the Council, this appeal does not present any clear and substantial basis upon which to overturn the results yielded by the NFPA standards development process. Simply put, the text subject to appeal did not gain sufficient support within the Technical Committee for inclusion in the 2016 edition of NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*. Finding no procedural errors, the Council has denied the appeal.

All Standards Council members participated in the consideration, deliberation, and vote on this issue.