



*Dawn Michele Bellis*  
Secretary, Standards Council

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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	<b>D#16-14</b>
Standards Council Agenda Item:	<b>SC#16-8-4-a</b>
Date of Decision*:	4 August 2016
<i>NFPA 75, Standard for the Fire Protection of Information Technology Equipment, 2017 Edition</i>	

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of August 3 – 4, 2016, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter. The Council's Final decision is now available and is attached herewith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Michele Bellis".

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Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

cc: D. Berry, S. Everett, L. Fuller, R. Bielen, J. Hart  
Members, Electronic Computer Systems (ELT-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 Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards 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 OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision):** *The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal to overturn the Association action on CAM 75-2. The CAM sought to Reject Second Revision No. 20 including any related portions of First Revision No. 13 thereby reverting to previous edition text.*

**DECISION:**

At its meeting of August 3 – 4, 2016, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Joe Scibetta of Suwanee, Georgia. The appeal requests that the Standards Council overturn the Association action on CAM 75-2 and Reject Second Revision No. 20 including any related portions of the First Revision No. 13 thereby reverting to previous edition text for the 2017 Edition of NFPA 75, *Standard for the Fire Protection of Information Technology Equipment*. Specifically, this appeal requests the deletion of a revised requirement that allows omission of an automatic fire suppression system below a raised floor in an information technology equipment (ITE) room or area where that area contains specified types of combustible material.

As background, the Technical Committee supported Second Revision No. 20 through ballot. A Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM) to reject Second Revision No. 20 and any related portions of the First Revision No. 13 was certified by the Motions Committee, then presented to the floor at the NFPA Technical Meeting as CAM 75-2. CAM 75-2 failed on the floor of the NFPA Technical Meeting. Mr. Scibetta filed an appeal with the Council based upon the unsuccessful result of CAM 75-2.

The text subject to appeal did not gain sufficient support within the standards development process for inclusion in the 2017 Edition of NFPA 75, *Standard for the Fire Protection of Information Technology Equipment*. The appeal requests that the Council overturn the results yielded by the standards development process. On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will overturn the results of 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 upon which to overturn the results yielded by the NFPA standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to deny the appeal. The effect of this action is that Second Revision No. 20 including any related portions of First Revision No. 13 will be included in the 2017 Edition of NFPA 75, *Standard for the Fire Protection of Information Technology Equipment*.