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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	<b>D#17-10</b>
Standards Council Agenda Item:	<b>SC#17-12-36</b>
Date of Decision:	6 December 2017
NFPA 1982, <i>Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)</i> , 2018 Edition	

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of December 5-6, 2017, 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".

Dawn Michele Bellis  
Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

cc: D. Berry, S. Everett, L. Fuller, D. Trebisacci, E. Conlin  
Members, CC Fire and Emergency Services Protective Clothing and Equipment (FAE-AAC)  
Members, TC Electronic Safety Equipment (FAE-ELS)  
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 publication date of this Decision.



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***SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision):*** The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal requesting to delay the issuance of the proposed 2018 Edition of NFPA 1982, *Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)*.

***DECISION:***

At its meeting of December 5-6, 2017, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Ben Mauti of MSA Safety, Inc. The appeal requests that the Standards Council delay the issuance of the proposed 2018 Edition of the NFPA 1982, *Standard of Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)* for the purpose of synchronizing its issuance with NFPA 1981, *Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services*.

As background, NFPA 1981, *Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services* and NFPA 1982, *Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)* are presently on the same revision cycle in part because NFPA 1982 PASS devices are frequently integrated into NFPA 1981 SCBA devices. A motion has been certified with respect to proposed 2018 Edition of NFPA 1981, which will delay its issuance pending consideration at the NFPA Technical Meeting. No motion has been certified related to the 2018 Edition of NFPA 1982. Ben Mauti of MSA Safety, Inc. submitted an appeal to delay the issuance of proposed 2018 Edition of the NFPA 1982, *Standard of Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)* in anticipation of NFPA 1981 and NFPA 1982 no longer remaining on the same revision cycle.

On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA standards development process. The proposed 2018 Edition of NFPA 1982, *Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)* has received no NITMAMs and therefore is considered a Consent Standard in accordance with the *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*. The Council's default action is therefore to issue the standard.

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, there is no clear and substantial basis upon which to overturn the results yielded by the NFPA standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to issue the 2018 Edition of NFPA 1982, *Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)* and deny the appeal.

The Council notes that the NFPA 1981 and NFPA 1982 Technical Committees may make a future request to resynchronize these two standards following the issuance of the 2018 Edition of NFPA 1981 in accordance with the *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*.

Council Member Patricia Gleason recused herself from the deliberations and vote on the appeal.