Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of July 29 – July 31, 2013, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter.

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

Sincerely,

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Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

c: D. Berry, M. Brodoff, L. Fuller, M. Klaus, R. Bielen
Members, TC on Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Systems (INM-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.
SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision): The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal to Accept Comment 25-44 (CAM 25-9).

DECISION:
At its meeting of July 29 – July 31, 2013, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Kenneth E. Isman of the National Fire Sprinkler Association. The appeal requests that the 2014 edition of NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, be issued with the acceptance of Comment 25-44 (Certified Amending Motion [CAM] 25-9). Specifically, the appeal seeks to add a new section for additive injection systems to read as follows:

4.1.10 Additive Injection Systems. The building owner shall be responsible for maintaining any additive injection systems including anti-microbial and corrosion inhibitor fluids.

As background, the Technical Committee on the Inspection Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Systems (TC) rejected Proposal 25-76, which sought to add a new section for additive injection systems. At the Comment stage, Comment 25-44 again sought acceptance of Proposal 25-76 but the TC rejected the Comment. At the 2013 Association Technical Meeting, an amending motion was made to Accept Comment 25-44 seeking the acceptance of Proposal 25-76 (CAM 25-9). This motion passed on the floor, but it failed the subsequent balloting of the TC. This means, by operation of NFPA rules, that no change from the existing edition should occur and that the portion of the standard sought to be modified by the Association amendment is returned to previous edition text. See Regulations Governing Committee Projects at 4.7(c). In this case, since there was no corresponding previous edition text, the proposed new section 4.1.10 is deleted.

The appeal requests that the Council overturn the result 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 on 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 proposed section 4.1.10 will not be added to the 2014 edition of NFPA 25.

Council Member James Golinveaux recused himself during the hearing, deliberation and vote on this issue.