1 August 2013

To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of July 29 – July 31, 2013, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Marcelo Hirschler of GBH International. The appeal requests that the 2014 edition of NFPA 70®, National Electrical Code® be issued with acceptance of Comment 3-21. Specifically, the appeal seeks to add a new Exception in Section 300.22(B) that reads as follows:

Exception: Wiring that is specifically listed for use within an air-handling space (plenum) shall be permitted to be installed in air ducts, but only if the wiring is directly associated with the air distribution system and the total length of such wiring does not exceed 1.2 m (4 ft).

The Council has voted to deny the appeal. The effect of this action is that the new Exception is not added.

Notice on Short Decisions: This is a “Short” decision, briefly stating the action on the appeals. A full Final Decision, containing further detail, will be issued in due course, and will automatically be sent to all interested parties as soon as it becomes available. Note that any Petition to the NFPA Board of Directors (see *NOTE, in the footer on the first page of this letter) must be filed within 15 days of the date of this Short Decision (see Date of Decision, in the subject line on the first page). Once the Notice has been filed, however, the Petition itself, should it be pursued, will not be due until 15 days following issuance of the Final Decision.

*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.
Sincerely,

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