1 August 2013

To: Interested Parties

Subject: Standards Council Decision (Short): D#13-13
Standards Council Agenda Item: SC#13-8-3-g-1, g-2 and g-3
Date of Decision: 31 July 2013

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of July 29 – July 31, 2013, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Thomas Wysocki of Guardian Services, Inc. The appeal requests that the proposed 2014 edition of NFPA 70®, National Electrical Code® (NEC) be issued with the acceptance of Certified Amending Motion (CAM) 70-21, a Group Amending Motion to Accept Proposal 12-129 and Comment 12-60.

The Council has voted to uphold the appeal of Mr. Wysocki to issue the NEC with the acceptance of CAM 70-21. The effect of the successful appeal is that two items are deleted. The following sentence from 645.5(E)(4) is deleted:

The ventilation system shall be so arranged, with approved smoke detection devices, that upon the detection of fire or products of combustion in the underfloor space, the circulation of air will cease.

The following proposed Exception to Section 645.4(2) is also deleted:

Exception: Where information technology equipment is installed in a critical operations data system in compliance with 645.10(B), a procedure shall be permitted that controls the cessation of the air circulation within the room or zone.

*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.
The Council also considered related appeals from Stanley Kaufman of CableSafe, Inc. and Stephen W. McCluer of Schneider Electric Information Technology. To the extent that these appeals oppose Wysocki’s appeal or request alternative action, they are denied.

Council Member Jim Pauley recused himself during the hearing, deliberation and vote on this issue.

**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.

Sincerely,

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c: D. Berry, M. Brodoff, L. Fuller, M. Earley, W. Burke, J. Hart, R. Bielen
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   Members, NEC Correlating Committee (NEC-AAC)
   Members, TC on Electronic Computer Systems (ELT-AAA)
   Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
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