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To: Interested Parties

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Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of July 29 – July 31, 2013, the Standards Council considered an appeal from David Wechsler representing the American Chemistry Council. The appeal is twofold, and requests 1) that the 2014 edition of NFPA 70®, National Electrical Code® (NEC) be issued without proposed new Section 506.6 Material Groups, and 2) that NFPA 499, Recommended Practice for the Classification of Combustible Dusts and of Hazardous (Classified) Locations for Electrical Installations in Chemical Process Areas be placed into a new cycle to address the establishment of Zone Material Dust Groups.

The Council has voted to deny the appeal. The effect of this action is to maintain the action of Code-Making Panel 14 to create new Section 506.6 as shown in Proposal 200-14a. Additionally, the Council declined at this time to place NFPA 499 into a new cycle to address the establishment of Zone Material Dust Groups.

**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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   Members, NEC Correlating Committee (NEC-AAC)
   Members, TC on Electrical Equipment in Chemical Atmospheres (EEC-AAA)
   Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
   Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary