Dear Interested Parties:

At the October 28-29, 2014 meeting, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Walter Vernon of Mazzetti regarding issuance of proposed Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA) No. 1157 on the 2014 edition of NFPA 70®, National Electrical Code®. Mr. Vernon sought Standards Council action to overturn the action of the NEC Correlating Committee. Specifically, the appeal seeks to delete a requirement in Section 517.41(E) which calls for certain receptacles, in nursing home and limited care facilities, to have a means to indicate power is being supplied to the receptacle. The receptacle indicator requirement proposed for deletion reads as follows:

…Nonlocking-type, 125-volt, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles shall have an illuminated face or an indicator light to indicate that there is power to the receptacle.

The Council, having reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and having considered all the arguments put forth in this appeal, has voted to uphold the appeal and issue the TIA.

All Standards Council members participated in the consideration, deliberation, and vote on this issue.

Notice on Short Decisions: This is a “Short” decision, briefly stating the action on the appeal. A full Final Decision, containing further detail, will be issued in due course, and

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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 of this letter) must be filed within 15 days of the date of this Short Decision (see Date of Decision, in the subject line above). 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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Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

c:  D. Berry, S. Everett, L. Fuller, M. Earley, W. Burke, J. Hart, R. Bielen
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  Members, NEC Correlating Committee (NEC-AAC)
  Members, TC on Electrical Systems (HEA-ELS)
  Members, CC on Health Care Facilities (HEA-AAC)
  Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
  Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary
Reference: 517.41(E)
TIA 14-7
(SC 14-10-2 / TIA Log #1157)

Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 70®, National Electrical Code®, 2014 edition. The TIA was processed by the NEC® Code-Making Panel 15 and the National Electrical Code® Correlating Committee, and was issued by the Standards Council on October 28, 2014, with an effective date of November 17, 2014.

A Tentative Interim Amendment is tentative because it has not been processed through the entire standards-making procedures. It is interim because it is effective only between editions of the standard. A TIA automatically becomes a public input of the proponent for the next edition of the standard; as such, it then is subject to all of the procedures of the standards-making process.

1. Revise Article 517.41(E) to read as follows:

   (E) Receptacle Identification. The cover plates for the electrical receptacles or the electrical receptacles themselves supplied from the essential electrical system shall have a distinctive color or marking so as to be readily identifiable. [99:6.5.2.2.4.2]