Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA Regulations Governing Committee Projects, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code, 2012 edition. The TIA was processed by the Technical Committee on Electrical Systems and the Correlating Committee on Health Care Facilities, and was issued by the Standards Council on August 9, 2012, with an effective date of August 29, 2012.

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 proposal 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 6.6.3.1 through 6.6.3.1.2 to read:

6.6.3.1 Source.

6.6.3.1.1 The life safety branch shall have an alternate source of power separate and independent from the normal source that will be effective for a minimum of 1 1/2 hours after loss of the normal source.

6.6.3.1.2 The life safety branch shall be so arranged that, in the event of failure of the normal power source, the alternate source of power shall be automatically connected to the load within 10 seconds.

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