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Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations

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1. *Delete 10.5.3 in its entirety.*

~~**10.5.3** Instruction regarding the proper use of portable fire extinguishers and the manual activation of fire extinguishing equipment shall be documented and shall be provided by the management to new employees on hiring and to all employees annually.~~

2. *Revise 11.1.4* to read as follows:*

11.1.4* Instructions shall be provided to new employees on hiring and to all employees ~~semiannually~~ annually on the use of portable fire extinguishers and the manual actuation of the fire-extinguishing system.

11.1.4.1 Responsibility for compliance with 11.1.4 shall be that of management of the commercial cooking operation.

11.1.4.2 Records of compliance with 11.1.4 shall be maintained and shall be available to the authority having jurisdiction.

11.1.4.3 Instructions for manually operating the fire-extinguishing system shall be posted conspicuously in the kitchen and shall be reviewed with employees by the management.

Substantiation: The revision is more appropriate in Chapter 11 where posting instructions is already required. Experience finds that many commercial cooking operations employees have not been instructed or have forgotten their training, resulting in inappropriate response to a fire. Providing instructions at regular intervals after initial instruction will reduce the likelihood of inappropriate response.

Emergency Nature: The proposed TIA intends to offer to the public a benefit that would lessen a recognized (known) hazard or ameliorate a continuing dangerous condition or situation.

The operation of a commercial cooking facility requires that all personnel be knowledgeable of the fire protection features of the facility. The placement of a discussion of portable extinguishers in the training section means that all employees should become knowledgeable of this fire safety feature of the facility.

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