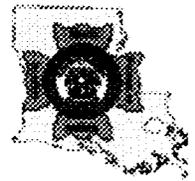




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Date: July 29, 2005

Re: **Protection of Rubber Tire Storage**

NFPA 231D:4-1.1, 1998 edition, mandated sprinkler protection for tire storage buildings. As a result of this code directive, this office published a November 14, 2002 Interpretive Memorandum 2002-17: Protection Of Rubber Tire Storage, which explained the NFPA code committee's chronology and direction regarding sprinkler protection.

Subsequently, the content of 231D moved to NFPA 13 and NFPA 230, and NFPA retired 231D from its list of standards. As an end result, with 231D abandoned, NFPA 230:Chapter 8, Protection of Rubber Tires, 2003 edition, has no mandatory requirement for sprinkler protection other than for construction type. (See 230:_____)

Based on the code changes noted above, this office shall no longer mandate that tire storage receive sprinkler protection except as required by 230:_____. Interpretive Memorandum 2002-17, dated November 14, 2002, is hereby rescinded.

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Tire storage shall be acknowledged as a hazard in accordance with NFPA 101:8.7, Special Hazard Protection, 2003 edition and requirements for protection shall be as per this code section. It is a determination of this office that tire storage is not acknowledged as "severe" as described at NFPA 101:8.7.1.1(3), therefore, NFPA 101:8.7.1.1.3(1) or (2) shall be adhered to, when tire storage is deemed a higher hazard to other occupancies within a building.

Typically, a stand alone storage building is not deemed a hazard, because there are no other occupancies involved. Typically, a storage occupancy is deemed a hazard, when part of a multiple occupancy, and must be protected per NFPA 101:8.7.1.1.

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