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National Fire Codes: Request for Comments on NFPA Technical Committee Reports

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) revises existing standards and adopts new standards twice a year. At its Fall Meeting in November or its Annual Meeting in May, the NFPA acts on recommendations made by its technical committees. The purpose of this notice is to request comments on the technical reports which will be presented at NFPA's 1997 Fall Meeting.

The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of NFPA is being undertaken as a public service; NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the standards referenced in the notice.

DATES: Twenty-eight reports are published in the 1997 Fall Meeting Report on Proposals and will be available on January 31, 1997. Comments received on or before April 11, 1997 will be considered by the respective NFPA Committees before final action is taken on the proposals.

ADDRESSES: The 1997 Fall Meeting Report on Proposals is available from NFPA, Publications Department, 11 Tracy Drive, Avon, MA 02322. Comments on the reports should be submitted to Arthur E. Cote, P.E., Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269–9101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arthur E. Cote, P.E., Secretary, Standards Council, at above address, (617) 770–3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Standards developed by the technical committees of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) have been used by various Federal Agencies as the basis for Federal regulations concerning fire safety. The NFPA standards are known collectively as the National Fire Codes. Often, the Office of the Federal Register approves the incorporation by reference of these standards under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51.

Revisions of existing standards and adoption of new standards are reported by the technical committees at the NFPA's Fall Meeting in November or at the Annual Meeting in May each year. The NFPA invites public comment on its Report on Proposals.

Request for Comments

Interested persons may participate in the revisions of these technical reports by submitting written data, views, or arguments to Arthur E. Cote, P.E., Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269–9101. The 1997 Fall Report on Proposals will be available on CD–ROM (suitable for

use only in Windows or Macintosh environments). It will also be available in the traditional print version. Commenters may use the forms provided for comments in the Reports on Proposals. Each person submitting a comment should include his or her name and address, identify the notice, and give reasons for any recommendations. Comments received on or before April 11, 1997, for the 1997 Fall Meeting Report on Proposals, will be considered by the NFPA before final action is taken on the proposals.

Copies of all written comments received and the disposition of those comments by the NFPA committees will be published as the 1997 Fall Meeting Report on Comments by September 26, 1997, prior to the Fall Meeting.

A copy of the Report on Comments will be sent automatically to each commenter. Action on the reports of the Technical Committees (adoption or rejection) will be taken at the Fall Meeting, November 17–19, 1997, in Kansas City, Missouri, by NFPA members.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272. Dated: November 26, 1996. Samuel Kramer, Associate Director.

1997 FALL MEETING: REPORT ON PROPOSALS

[P = Partial revision; W = Withdrawal; R = Reconfirmation; N = New; C = Complete Revision]

Doc. No.	Title	Action
NFPA 10–1994	Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers	Р
NFPA 10R-1992	Recommended Practice for Portable Fire Extinguishing Equipment in Family Dwellings and Living Units	W
NFPA 12-1993	Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems	P
NFPA 17-1994	Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems	
NFPA 17A-1994	Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems	
NFPA 25-1995	Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems	
NFPA 37-1994	Standard for the Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines	Р
NFPA 55-1993	Standard for the Storage, Use, and Handling of Compressed and Liquefied Gases in Portable Cylinders	P
NFPA 58-1995	Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases	
NFPA 59–1995	Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases at Utility Gas Plants	Р
NFPA 68–1994	Guide for Venting of Deflagrations	Р
NFPA 101A-1995	Guide on Alternative Approaches to Life Safety	P
NFPA 160-P*	Standard for the Use of Flame Special Effects Before a Proximate Audience	N
NFPA 256–1993	Standard Methods of Fire Tests of Roof Coverings	
NFPA 259–1993	Standard Test Method for Potential Heat of Building Materials	
NFPA 266-1994	Standard Method of Test for Fire Characteristics of Upholstered Furniture Exposed to Flaming Ignition Source	P
NFPA 267–1994	Standard Method of Test for Fire Characteristics of Mattresses and Bedding Assemblies Exposed to Flaming Ignition Source.	P
NFPA 301-P*	Code for Safety to Life From Fire on Merchant Vessels	N
NFPA 650-1990	Standard for Pneumatic Conveying Systems for Handling Combustible Materials	С
NFPA 720-P*	Recommended Practice for the Installation of Household Carbon Monoxide (CO) Warning Equipment	N
NFPA 801-1995	Standard for Facilities Handling Radioactive Materials	С
NFPA 802-1993	Recommended Practice for Fire Protection for Nuclear Research and Production Reactors	W
NFPA 803-1993	Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Nuclear Power Plants	P
NFPA 921-1995	Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations	P
NFPA 1201-1994	Standard for Developing Fire Protection Services for the Public (will be renumbered NFPA 1200)	С
NFPA 1962-1993	Standard for the Care, Use and Service Testing of Fire Hose, Including Couplings and Nozzles	Р
NFPA 1964-1993	Standard for Spray Nozzles (Shutoff and Tip)	С
NFPA 8505-1992	Recommended Practice for Stoker Operation	Р

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