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**State Fire Marshal
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2010**

Committee Goal: To provide a means of communications between the Offices of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service: and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulation and intended future action.

Members Present:

James Parsegian - Office of the State Fire Marshal
James Carver –El Segundo Fire Department
Bob Gebel – City of Torrance
Kent Miller – Port of Stockton
Robert Franck – Redondo Beach Fire Department
Randy Dysart – CALSAFE
Daniel Fitkin – Cintas Fire Protection
Chris Gilbert – FireMaster/Simplex Grinnell
Darrell Harguth – Brooks Equipment
Darrell Hefley – Jorgensen & Co.
Chris Holland – Orange County Fire
Edie Wade – Brooks Equipment (via conference call)
Craig Voelkert – Amerex Corporation

Members Absent:

Robert Noland
Loren Blasdell
Mike Brand
Glenn Younger
Nancy Ahlswede
David Hanson
David Casey
Chris Hoiland
Daniel Fitkin
Robert Calderon

Meeting Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:05 A.M., Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

Roll Call and Introduction:

A round table roll call was taken: At this time a quorum of members were present.

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Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of April 28, 2010 were reviewed. Changes made: Robert Nolan was at last meeting, not absent as minutes had stated.

Old Business:

Title 19 NFPA 10 Workgroup presentation:

Section addressed:

- 561.2 Fire Test & Performance Standards
 - Crossouts NCUL standards
 - Under F&G additional language to bring in proper name of documents
- 557.4 "D" Definitions – removing language and rewording, 10 & 19 change
 - "System that is constructed in a manner that does not introduce foreign material"
- 557.5 "E" Definitions, electronic monitoring was needed.
- 557.8 Definitions change from halon to halogenated.
- 557.13 "M" definition, master gauge – adding definition
 - Definition "B" – How the master gauge is calibrated.
- 557.23 "W" water mist fire extinguisher. Adding definition of water mist fire extinguisher because it did not exist before.
- 563 "H" extinguisher cabinet, took exact wording out of 10
 - "H" Halon closed recovery system, took wording out of 10
 - CGAC1 information language will replace "B" for master gauge. Also adding CFR 49 master gauge in requirements for low pressure.
- 566 "G" Input from Kent Miller didn't like general reference to oxidizers. "Code Official" need to further define. (will be done in final language)
- 567 "K" Halogenated extinguishers – added new section regarding label on halogenated extinguishers.
 - "L" wheeled units, took from 10
- 567.6 Mounting – Changing maximum height to mount extinguisher from 5' to 4'. From January 2011 forward, this is not retroactive. Any extinguishers installed prior to this date may remain.
- 567.8 Installation Temperatures – simplifying statement, showing only what is on label. "Fire extinguishers shall not be installed in areas where temperatures are outside the range listed on the fire extinguisher label or in the service manual."
- 573 Fire extinguisher size and placement for commercial cooking – requires a placard. 2A rated water spray fire extinguisher put in the path of egress. Change water spray to wet chemical fire extinguisher listed for Class K fires.
- 574.4 Replacing "Halon" with "halogenated".
- 577.2 Adding obsolete fire extinguishers – solid charge, type B, triple F
- 575.3 Reconstruction – out of sentence, put in a list instead.
- 575.7 Stored pressure water type extinguishers – "F" All removable extinguisher boots, foot rings shall be moved to accommodate thorough annual inspection or examinations. The exception is extinguisher boots and foot rings that are those that are not put on by the extinguisher manufacturer.
 - "G" Hoses on wheels fire extinguishers shall be completely uncoiled and examined for damage.
- 578.6 "Halon" to "halogenated".
- 592.1 Hose assemblies – additional wording under "A" relating to hydrostatic test assemblies.
 - You have to have hose that is equipped with a shut off nozzle.
- 594.4 DOT specification cylinders for testing procedures. "The cylinders and cartridges bearing the US DOT markings shall be retested in accordance with the applicable DOT regulations."
 - Low pressure - #4 – wheel extinguishers – "All hoses shall be removed from cylinders prior to hydrostatic test." Air and gas can not be used as the sole medium for pressure testing.
- 594.5 Record keeping under low pressure, requirement for a written log. Never an indication for how long that log needed to be made available. 13 years

- 596 Added to the exceptions under "C". Requirement for the verification of the service call.
"The exception shall include cartridge operated and carbon dioxide."
596.10 Marking of fire extinguishers
597.4 Updating to the correct reference of the CFR 49.
596.12 Permissive use., remove all allowances except use on annual maintenance tags

After discussion new language for Title 19 CCR was approved

New Business:

None

Open Forum

A question was ask about reciprocal letters – What purpose is a reciprocal letter: it was explained why they were required.

Next Meeting date

The next Advisory Committee meeting is set for January 26, 2011 at 10:00 A. M.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.