

## UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The Office of the State Fire Marshal received one official public comment and a number of phone calls during the comment period concerning weekly fire pump tests. Ms. Danielle Stefani, Hazardous Materials Coordinator, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department suggested that weekly fire pump testing not be excluded from the Type L license. State Fire Marshal Engineering staff agrees and is proposing to amend the Type L license to include weekly fire pump testing provided the individual performing the testing is certified to do so by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Sections 905 and 905.2 are being amended to include weekly fire pump testing, certification parameters, and an \$80 fee to cover the cost of testing and certification.

**Section 905** is being amended to add the word "certification" to the title.

**Necessity:** This addition is necessary to identify that certification requirements are addressed in the section.

**Section 905 (a)** is being amended to allow individuals who possess a California State Fire Marshal pump certificate to conduct weekly fire pump tests.

**Necessity:** This amendment is necessary to identify that individuals who are employed by a Licensed A (Type L) concern must also possess a California State Fire Marshal weekly fire pump certificate in order to conduct weekly fire pump tests.

**Section 905 (b)** is being amended to include weekly fire pump testing in the definition of the Type L license.

**Necessity:** This amendment is necessary in order to include weekly fire pump testing under the Type L license.

**Section 905 (m)** is being added to address the weekly fire pump certification requirements.

**Necessity:** The weekly fire pump test certification requirements are being added to because current code does not address the certification. Applicants will be required to apply for the certification on forms provided by the State Fire Marshal to ensure consistency and all necessary information, in the correct format, and fees are provided. Passing of a written test is required to ensure that the individuals being certified have a basic knowledge of weekly fire pump testing. Because of the technical knowledge necessary to correctly operate a fire pump, the automatic systems technical work group felt that without testing, the SFM could not ensure that individuals conducting the weekly fire pump tests could do so without damaging the fire pump or the system. Applicants who fail to pass the

testing will be required to wait at least 15 days before being eligible to retake the test. This time period is necessary to ensure the individuals have adequate time to study. Applicants who fail to take the exam within 30 days of the date of eligibility will be required to reapply and pay the appropriate fee. This is necessary to ensure the applicant takes test within a timely manner so as not to burden staff with tracking and refund issues. A section addressing an individual's ability and procedures to challenge individual test questions is being added to ensure that the applicant is aware of the procedures to follow in such cases. This section is necessary to afford the applicant the ability to challenge a question but also the procedure to do so. The application for renewal and certification expiration timeframes are made to coincide with the timeframes required of the Type L license since the fire pump testing certification is invalid without the Type L license.

The requirement for the individual testing the fire pump to carry the certification while testing the fire pump is necessary to prove to the local fire department that they are in fact certified to conduct the testing.

**Section 905.2(c)** is being added to address the original or annual renewal fee for weekly fire pump test certification.

**Necessity:** The proposed \$80 fee is necessary to cover the cost of developing, administering and maintaining the weekly fire pump test in addition to issuing of the certification. The fee was derived by utilizing the current Management Services Technicians' salary of \$45 per hour and an average processing time of one hour per application. The remainder of the fee is necessary to recover other administrative costs such as, the development and maintenance of the test, maintaining the database, posting of information on the SFM web, supplies, answering questions, etc.