



## California State Fire Marshal CODE INTERPRETATION

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Topic	Fire Extinguisher Servicing		
Code Section(s)	CCR Title 19 Section 575.4 (a) (1)		
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**Section 575.4(a) (1) states "Every 6 years stored pressure dry chemical and dry powder fire extinguishers that require a 12 year hydrostatic test shall be discharged, emptied and subjected to the applicable maintenance procedures as specified by the manufacturer's requirements." In reviewing the owners or maintenance manuals of the following manufacturers, Ansul, Amerex, Badger, Buckeye, Flag and Kidde it states that maintenance shall be performed as specified in NFPA10 or in some cases that NFPA10 is incorporated into their individual manual. NFPA 10 2007 edition now states in 4.4.1 "Dry Chemical stored pressure extinguishers manufactured prior to October 1984 shall be removed from service at the next 6-year maintenance interval or the next hydro test interval, whichever comes first"**

**Question:**

**Are the Dry Chemical stored pressure extinguishers manufactured prior to October 1984 of any of manufacturers who require service as specified in NFPA10 to be removed from service as mandated in NFPA10 2007 4.4.1?**

The California State Fire Marshal's Office does not adopt NFPA 10, therefore the requirements for removing dry chemical stored pressure extinguishers manufactured prior to October 1984 does not apply in California.

However, **CCR Title 19 Section 575 Servicing, General** states: servicing which includes maintenance, recharging and hydrostatic testing shall be done in

accordance with the appropriate manufacturer's service manual(s) and the requirements of this chapter.