



Florida Division of State Fire Marshal

The Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association,
"Organization" (§633.026)

Informal Interpretation Request

Date: 6/13/22

NFPA Document Number: NFPA 72 2016 Edition

Paragraph Reference: 10.4.4

Explain how the Petitioner's substantial interests are being affected by the LFO's interpretation of the NFPA citation above:

- This rejection is delaying the entire project
- The BDA contractor will not be issued a permit as mine is not in place
- The financial impact of having the drawings re-done
- The revised drawings will need to be signed and sealed by an engineer again
- The additional cost in material and labor

Enter a statement of the LFO's interpretation of the NFPA citation above and identify the manner in which the statement was rendered:

The LFO states that smoke detection is required at BDA location in Electric Room per NFPA 72.

Enter a statement of the interpretation that the Petitioner contends should be given to the NFPA citation above and a statement supporting the Petitioner's interpretation:

A fully sprinkled 143,543 sq. ft single story warehouse, S1, - B occupancy. Building has a full building fire alarm system. BDA equipment has been installed in an external electrical room. We contend that NFPA 72 10.4.4 does not apply to BDA equipment and is supported by 10.4.4.A

Explain how the Petitioner's substantial interests are being affected by the question below:

The Petitioner is on a short time for the project. From breaking ground to completion is scheduled for 4.5 months. In the current climate with product availability, it is already a difficult task. A revision with additional equipment could cause significant further delay. The designer is not available for at least another week and other contractors will not be able to proceed with obtaining permits due to this one not yet being approved.

Enter the Petitioner's question concerning an interpretation of the FFPC:

The BDA/DAS equipment is in a separate room from the FACP. Is it the intent NFPA 72 (2016) section 10.4.4 to require a smoke detector over BDA/DAS equipment?

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Committee's majority answer: No

The control units that are to be protected are those that provide notification of a fire to the occupants and responders. The term control unit does not include equipment such as annunciators and addressable devices. Requiring smoke detection at the transmitting equipment is intended to increase the probability that an alarm signal will be transmitted to a supervising station prior to that transmitting equipment being disabled due to the fire condition.

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Committee Region Map



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