Notice to all Fire Protection Service Contractors regarding Inspection Testing and Maintenance (ITM) of Automatic Extinguishing Systems (AES).

The goal of the ITM service is to provide a reasonable degree of protection for life and property from fire through minimum inspection, testing and maintenance methods. By performing proper ITMS this will reduce potential for corrective actions that may obstruct or impede the proper operation of AES systems and mitigate deficiencies. Communication between all parties involved owners, service contractors and AHJ’s will produce safer occupancies and provide the minimum required inspection of fire protection and life safety systems to ensure proper operation.

- In accordance with State Law cited in Title 19 California Code of Regulations all automatic extinguishing systems shall be inspected, tested and maintained as per frequencies adopted in NFPA 25 2013 California Edition.
- All AHJ shall enforce these standards as per Health & Safety Code 13198.5-13199. All service contractors possessing a valid C16 Fire protection license or a SFM “A” license and are charging a fee to perform inspections, testing or maintenance shall do so to Title 19 904.1-904.2, 904.7, 905 of the CCR.
- All building owners, business owners or their designees shall maintain required inspection, testing and maintenance of all automatic extinguishing systems as per NFPA 25 2013 California Edition Chapter 4.
- All corrections shall be approved by the AHJ as per NFPA 25 2013 California Edition Section 4.1.4 and Title 19 904.2(d) of the CCR.
- Any deficiency noted at the time of inspection, testing and maintenance shall be noted on proper AES forms and forwarded to the AHJ within a timely manner as per Title 19 904.2(j). In accordance to Title 19 904.2(d) CCR any deficiency noted will hold certification of the AES. No tag or label shall be affixed to the AES until all deficiencies are corrected.
- A service program as defined in NFPA 25 2013 California Edition shall be in place as per section 3.3.19. After all deficiencies are repaired and a label/tag is affixed to the system proper AES forms as per Title 19 906 CCR shall be used and forwarded to the AHJ as per request or Table 906.4(a) & (b).

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