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Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems

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1. Add NFPA 70E®, *Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace*®, 2015 edition to section 2.2.
2. Revise 4.9.6 and associated Annex A material to read as follows:

4.9.6* Electrical Safety.

4.9.6.1 Legally required precautions shall be taken when testing and maintaining electric controllers for motor-driven fire pumps.

4.9.6.2 At a minimum, the provisions of NFPA 70E shall be applied.

A.4.9.6 WARNING: NFPA 20 includes electrical requirements that discourage the installation of a disconnect means and limit overcurrent protection in the power supply to electric motor-driven fire pumps. This is intended to ensure the availability of power to the fire pumps. Where equipment connected to those circuits is serviced or maintained, the service person could be subject to unusual exposure to electrical and other hazards. It could be necessary to establish special safe work practices and to use safeguards or personal protective clothing, or both. The required category of personal protective equipment will vary dependent upon the specific installation details and associated incident energy levels. The determination of such incident energy levels can be established by conducting an incident energy level analysis as provided in Annex D of NFPA 70E or by utilization of the PPE Category Method provided by NFPA 70E, Table 130.7(C)(15)(A)(b), where applicable. Use of the PPE Category Method requires that the maximum available short-circuit current and maximum fault clearing time for the actual installation do not exceed those indicated in NFPA 70E, Table 130.7(C)(15)(A)(b). See also NFPA 70E for additional safety guidance regarding the determination of the incident energy and the required level of personal protective equipment. The provisions of NFPA 70E require that the owner label the equipment with information regarding the electrical hazards associated with the installation. Where such labeling is not present, the technician cannot make a determination for safe work practice on the equipment without further assessment of the incident energy associated with the installation.

3. Revise sections in 8.1.1.2 to read as follows:

8.1.1.2.2 Electrical connections shall be checked annually and repaired as necessary to the extent that such work can be completed without opening an energized electric motor-driven fire pump controller.

8.1.1.2.4 Printed circuit boards (PCBs) shall be checked annually for corrosion to the extent that such work can be completed without opening an energized electric motor-driven fire pump controller.

8.1.1.2.5 Cable and/or wire insulation shall be checked annually for cracking to the extent that such work can be completed without opening an energized electric motor-driven fire pump controller.

8.1.1.2.6 Plumbing parts, both inside and outside of electrical panels, shall be checked annually for any leaks to the extent that such work can be completed without opening an energized electric motor-driven fire pump controller.

8.1.1.2.12 Engine crankcase breathers shall be checked ~~quarterly~~ annually.

8.1.1.2.16 All controls and power wiring connections shall be checked annually and repaired as necessary to the extent that such work can be completed without opening an energized electric motor-driven fire pump controller.

8.1.1.2.21 The accuracy of pressure gauges and sensors shall be inspected annually and replaced or recalibrated when more than 5 percent out of calibration to the extent that such work can be completed without opening an energized electric motor-driven fire pump controller.

4. Revise Table 8.1.1.2 to read as follows:

Table 8.1.1.2 Summary of Fire Pump Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance

| Item | Frequency | Reference |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Inspection | | |
| Alignment | Annually | 8.3.6.4 |
| Cable/wire insulation | Annually | 8.1.1.2.5 |
| Diesel pump system | Weekly | 8.2.2(4) |
| Electric pump system | Weekly | 8.2.2(3) |
| Engine crankcase breather | Annually | 8.1.1.2.12 |
| Exhaust system and drain condensate trap | Annually | 8.1.1.2.13 |
| Flexible hoses and connections | Annually | 8.1.1.2.11 |
| Fuel tank vents and overflow | Annually | 8.1.1.2.10 |
| Plumbing parts – inside and outside of panels | Annually | 8.1.1.2.6 |
| Printed circuit board corrosion (PCBs) | Annually | 8.1.1.2.4 |
| Pump | Weekly | 8.2.2(2) |
| Pump house/room | Weekly | 8.2.2(1) |
| Shaft movement or endplay while running | Annually | 8.1.1.2.1 |
| Steam pump system | Weekly | 8.2.2(5) |
| Suction screens | Annually | 8.3.3.7 12 |
| Test | | |
| <u>Automatic transfer switch and emergency/standby generators</u> | <u>Per NFPA 110</u> | <u>8.3.6.1 and 8.3.6.2</u> |
| Diesel engine-driven fire pump | Weekly | 8.3.1.1 |
| Diesel fuel testing | Annually/ <u>Semiannually</u> | 8.3.4 |
| Electric motor-driven fire pump | Weekly/monthly | 8.3.1.2 |
| <u>Electronic control module (ECM)</u> | <u>Annually</u> | <u>8.3.3.13</u> |
| Fire pump alarm signals | Annually | 8.3.3.5 10 |
| Fuel tank, float switch, and supervisory signal for interstitial space | Quarterly | 8.1.1.2.7 |
| Main relief valve | Annually | 8.3.3.3 8 |
| Power transfer switch | Annually | 8.3.3.4 9 |
| <u>Pump houseroom environmental conditions</u> | | <u>8.3.6.3</u> |

| Item | Frequency | Reference |
|---|--|--------------------|
| Pump operation (no flow) | Weekly/monthly | 8.3.1 |
| Pump performance (flow) | Annually | 8.3.3 |
| Supervisory signal for high cooling water temperature | Annually | 8.1.1.2.8 |
| Maintenance | | |
| Batteries | Annually | 8.1.1.2.15 |
| Circulating water filter | Annually | 8.1.1.2.20 |
| Control and power wiring connections | Annually | 8.1.1.2.16 |
| Controller | Per manufacturer | 8.5 |
| <u>Diesel active fuel maintenance system</u> | <u>Annually or per manufacturer recommendation</u> | <u>8.3.4.3</u> |
| Diesel engine system | Per manufacturer | 8.5 |
| Electric motor and power system | Per manufacturer | 8.5 |
| Electrical connections | Annually | 8.1.1.2.2 |
| Engine lubricating oil | Annually or 50 operating hours | 8.1.1.2.17 |
| Engine oil filter | Annually or 50 operating hours | 8.1.1.2.18 |
| Fuel tank – check for water and foreign materials | Annually | 8.1.1.2.9 |
| Measure back pressure on engine turbo | Annually | 8.1.1.2.14 |
| Pressure gauges and sensors | Annually | 8.1.1.2.21 |
| Pump and motor bearings and coupling | Annually or as required | 8.5 <u>1.1.2.3</u> |
| Sacrificial anode | Annually | 8.1.1.2.19 |

5. Revise the Electrical System section of Table A.8.1.1.2 for the following line items to read as follows:

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| Tighten electrical connections as necessary | X | Annually |
| Calibrate pressure switch settings* | X | Annually |
| Voltmeter and ammeter for accuracy (5%) | X | Annually |
| Any corrosion on printed circuit boards (PCBs)* | X | Annually |
| Any cracked cable/wire insulation* | X | Annually |
| Any leaks in plumbing parts* | X | Annually |
| Any signs of water on electrical parts* | X | Annually |

* Required only where the extent of such work can be completed without the opening of an energized electric motor-driven fire pump controller.

6. Revise 8.3.2.8(2) to read as follows:

8.3.2.8 The pertinent visual observations or adjustments specified in the following checklists shall be conducted while the pump is idle: