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Committee Statement

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Response FR-57-NFPA 76-2022 Message:

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Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

2.1 General.

The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.

2.2 NFPA Publications. National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471. NFPA 1, Fire Code, 2018 2021 edition. NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, 2018 2022 edition. NFPA 12A, Standard on Halon 1301 Fire Extinguishing Systems, 2018 2022 edition. NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, 2019 2022 edition. NFPA 14, Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems, 2019 2023 edition. NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, 2020 2023 edition. NFPA 30, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, 2018 2021 edition. NFPA 37, Standard for the Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines, 2018 2021 edition. NFPA 51B, Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work, 2019 edition. NFPA 54/ANSI Z223.1, National Fuel Gas Code, 2018 2021 edition. NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, 2020 2023 edition. NFPA 70[®], National Electrical Code[®], 2020 2023 edition. NFPA 72[®], National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code[®], 2019 2022 edition. NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives, 2019 2022 edition. NFPA 80A, Recommended Practice for Protection of Buildings from Exterior Fire Exposures, 2017 2022 edition. NFPA 90A, Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems, 2018 2021 edition. NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, 2017 2021 edition. NFPA 101[®], Life Safety Code[®], 2018 2021 edition. NFPA 220, Standard on Types of Building Construction, 2018 2021 edition. NFPA 241, Standard for Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations, 2019 2022 edition. NFPA 252, Standard Methods of Fire Tests of Door Assemblies, 2017 2022 edition. NFPA 257, Standard on Fire Test for Window and Glass Block Assemblies, 2017 2022 edition. NFPA 262, Standard Method of Test for Flame Travel and Smoke of Wires and Cables for Use in Air-Handling Spaces, 2019 2023 edition. NFPA 704, Standard System for the Identification of the Hazards of Materials for Emergency Response, 2017 edition. NFPA 750, Standard on Water Mist Fire Protection Systems, 2019 2023 edition. NFPA 770 Standard on Hybrid (Water and Inert Gas) Fire-Extinguishing Systems, 2021 edition. NFPA 780, Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems, 2020 2023 edition. NFPA 1225 Standard for Emergency Services Communications, 2022 edition. NFPA 2001, Standard on Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems, 2018 2022 edition. NFPA 5000[®], Building Construction and Safety Code[®], 2018 <u>2021</u> edition. 2.3 Other Publications.

2.3.1 ASTM Publications.

ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM E84, Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials, 2018 2021.

ASTM E814, *Standard Test Method for Fire Tests of Penetration Firestop Systems*, 2013a, reapproved 2017.

ASTM E1537, Standard Test Method for Fire Testing of Upholstered Furniture, 2016 2022.

ASTM E1966, Standard Test Method for Fire Resistive Joint Systems, 2015 2019.

2.3.2 ATIS Publications.

Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, 1200 G Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005.

ATIS 0600307, Fire Resistance Criteria — Ignitability Requirements for Equipment Assemblies, Ancillary Non-Metallic Apparatus, and Fire Spread Requirements for Wire and Cable, 2014 2018.

ATIS 0600319, Equipment Assemblies — Fire Propagation Risk Assessment Criteria, 2014.

2.3.3 CSA Group Publications.

CSA Group, 178 Rexdale Boulevard, Toronto, ON M9W 1R3, Canada.

C22.2 No. 0.3, Test Methods for Electrical Wires and Cables, 2009, revised 2014 2019.

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2.3.4 UL Publications.

Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062-2096.

ANSI/UL 44, Thermoset-Insulated Wires and Cables, 2017 2020.

ANSI/UL 83, Thermoplastic-Insulated Wire and Cables, 2017 2019.

ANSI/UL 444, Communications Cables, 2017 2021.

ANSI/UL 568, Nonmetallic Cable Tray Systems, 2002 2019.

ANSI/UL 723, Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials, 2018.

ANSI/UL 900, Standard for Air Filter Units, 2015.

ANSI/UL 1277, Electrical Power and Control Tray Cables with Optional Optical-Fiber Members, 2018 2021.

UL 1479, Fire Tests of Penetration Firestops 2015.

ANSI/UL 1564, Standard for Industrial Battery Chargers, 2015.

ANSI/UL 1651, Optical Fiber Cable, 2015 2020.

ANSI/UL 1666, Standard Test for Flame Propagation Height of Electrical and Optical-Fiber Cables Installed Vertically in Shafts, 2007 2021.

ANSI/UL 1685, Standard for Vertical Tray Fire-Propagation and Smoke-Release Test for Electrical and Optical-Fiber Cables, 2015.

ANSI/UL 1973 Standard for Batteries for Use in Stationary, Vehicle Auxiliary Power and Light Electric Rail (LER) Applications, 2018.

ANSI/UL 2024, Cable Routing Assemblies and Communications Raceways, 2014, revised 20152021.

UL 2079, Tests for Fire Resistance of Building Joint Systems, 2015.

<u>UL 2261, Outline of Investigation for Cables for Network-Powered Broadband</u> <u>Communications Systems, 2005.</u>

ANSI/UL 9540, Outline of Investigation for Energy Storage Systems and Equipment, 2016.

ANSI/UL 60950-1, Information Technology Equipment — Safety — Part 1: General Requirements, 2007.

2.3.5 Other Publications.

California Technical Bulletin 133, *Flammability Test Procedure for Seating Furniture for Use in Public Occupancies*, State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, 1625 North Market Boulevard, Suite N-119, Sacramento, CA 95834.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition, Merriam-Webster, Inc., Springfield, MA, 2003.

Telcordia GR-63-CORE, Network Equipment Building System (NEBS)™ Requirements: Physical Protection, 2017.

	2.4 References for Extracts in Mandatory Sections.				
	NFPA 1, <i>Fire Code, 2018 <u>2021</u> edition.</i>				
	NFPA 70 [®] , National Electrical Code [®] , 2017 <u>2023</u> edition.				
	NFPA 90A, <i>Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems,</i> 2018 <u>2021</u> edition.				
	NFPA <i>101[®], Life Safety Code[®], 2018 <u>2021</u> edition.</i>				
	NFPA 805, <i>Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants</i> , 2015 2020 edition.				
	NFPA 855, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems, 2020 edition				
	NFPA 921, Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations, 2017 2021 edition.				
	<i>NFPA 5000[®], Building Construction and Safety Code[®], 2018 <u>2021</u> edition.</i>				
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First Revision No. 28-NFPA 76-2022 [Section No. 3.3.19]

3.3.20* Utility.

An organization, either designated by or recognized <u>such as</u> by <u>a</u> public service commissions <u>commission</u> or public utility commissions, or recognized as such under federal, state, or local law, that installs, operates, and maintains electric supply or communication systems such as, but not limited to, telephone, wireless, VoIP, CATV, internet, satellite, or data service.

A.3.3.20 Utility.

<u>A communications utility</u> installs, operates, and maintains electric supply or communication communications systems such as, but not limited to, telephone, wireless, VoIP, CATV community antenna television (CATV), internet, satellite, or data service.

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Required Fire Protection Eler

Table 6.8.5.6 shall be used to determine fire protection requirements for signal-processing areas where new signal-processing equipment is added.

Table 6.8.5.6 Network Evolution — Fire Protection Requirements: Application for a Signal-Processing Hazard Area to Which New Signal-Processing Equipment Is Being Added, Resulting in a Signal-Processing Equipment Classification Combination

<u>Signal-</u> <u>Processing</u> <u>Equipment</u> <u>Combination</u> in Hazard	<u>Option</u>	<u>Fire</u> <u>Detection</u> <u>in</u> <u>Compliance</u>	<u>Hazard</u> <u>Area Rated</u> <u>Fire</u> Separation? ^a	<u>Combination</u> <u>Fire/Smoke</u> <u>Dampers?^b</u>	<u>Smoke</u> <u>Management?^{C,d}</u>	<u>Sufficie</u> <u>Spatie</u> <u>Separatic</u>
<u>Area</u>		<u>with 6.8.6?</u>				
Level A		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Level B , Select	Option 1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Option 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Option 3	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Level C		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Levels A & B , Select	Option 1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Option 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Option 3	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Levels A & C		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Levels B & C		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Levels A, B, & C		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Note: Level A — see 8.8.3(1); Level B — see 8.8.3(2); Level C — see 8.8.3(3).

^aWith the addition of new equipment to a hazard area, upgrading of fire separations where they do not exist is provided in order to prevent unacceptable network outages.

^bCombination fire/smoke dampers are used to prevent fire and smoke damage to other hazard areas.

^CSmoke management systems are designed for the fires resulting from the selected equipment for the hazard area.

^dFire suppression is added to the hazard area if the design fire for the hazard area exceeds smoke management system capabilities to prevent signal-processing equipment damage.

^eSufficient spatial separation is provided to prevent fire and smoke damage to telecommunications equipment other than the telecommunications equipment of fire origin.

^fIn-cabinet fire detection in compliance with 6.8.6 and the use of in-cabinet fire suppression can be a more economical method than protection of the entire hazard area.

^gSelective depowering plan is provided for all options in buildings over 232 m² (2500 ft²). See Section 6.5.

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First Revision No. 3-NFPA 76-2022 [Section No. 6.10.8.1.1 [Excluding any NFPA Sub-Sections]]

Battery systems shall be permitted in the same room as the equipment that they support. [1: 52.2.2.3.1]

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Public Input No. 8-NFPA 76-2020 [Section No. 6.10.8.1.1 [Excluding any Sub-Sections]]







6.10.8.2.1 General.

Battery systems having an <u>electrolyte energy storage</u> capacity of more than 100 gal (378.5 L) in sprinklered buildings or 50 gal (189.3 L) in unsprinklered buildings <u>70 kWh (252 MJ)</u> for vented lead-acid, nickel-cadmium, and valve-regulated lead- acid (VRLA) batteries shall be in accordance with 6.10.8.2 and Table 6.10.8.2.1.

-	Nonrecombinant Batteries		Recombinant Batteries
Requirement	<u>Vented</u> Lead-Acid	<u>Vented Nickel-Cadmium</u> (Ni-Cd NiCad)	<u>Valve-Regulated Lead</u> <u>Acid (VRLA)</u>
Safety caps	Venting caps	Venting caps	Self-resealing flame- arresting caps
Thermal runaway management	Not required	Not required	Required
Spill control	Required	Required	Not required
Neutralization	Required	Required	Required Not required
Ventilation	Required	Required	Required
Signage	Required	Required	Required
Seismic control	Required	Required	Required
Fire detection	Required	Required	Required

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Committee Statement

Committee VRLA batteries don't require neutralization for the same reason they do not require spill **Statement:** control as they don't spill electrolyte. The threshold value was adjusted to align with NFPA 855 and the IFC. The reference to unpsrinklered and sprinklered buildings has been removed from the threshold requirements because there is now only a single threshold that determines the need for items listed in table 6.10.8.2.1 regardless of a building being unsprinklered and sprinklered.

Response FR-6-NFPA 76-2022 Message:

Public Input No. 32-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 6.10.8.2.1]



6.10.8.2.4 Spill Control.

6.10.8.2.4.1

Rooms, buildings, or areas containing free-flowing liquid electrolyte in <u>individual multiple</u> vessels having a capacity of more than 55 gal (208 L) or multiple vessels having an aggregate capacity exceeding 1000 gal (3785 L) shall be provided with spill control to prevent the flow of liquids to adjoining areas. [1: 52.2.2.4.1]

6.10.8.2.4.2*

An <u>The</u> approved method and materials for the control of a spill of electrolyte shall be provided that will be capable <u>spill control method shall be capable</u> of controlling a spill from the single largest vessel. [1: 52.2.2.4.2]

6.10.8.2.4.3

VRLA batteries with immobilized electrolyte shall not require spill control. [1: 52.2.2.4.3]

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Committee Statement

Committee Simplification of spill control requirements. Spill control is needed when a room contains **Statement:** more than 1000 gallons of electrolyte - not a building. No single vessel of a lead-acid or nickel-cadmium ITE / UPS battery that has more than 55 gallons of electrolyte so that is removed.

Response FR-7-NFPA 76-2022 Message:

Public Input No. 39-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 6.10.8.2.4]

Public Input No. 10-NFPA 76-2020 [Section No. 6.10.8.2.4.1]





6.10.8.2.8.1

An approved automatic smoke detection <u>EWFD</u> system shall be installed in rooms containing stationary battery storage systems in accordance with NFPA 72 . [1: 52.2.2.10] <u>Chapter 8</u>.

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Committee Statement

CommitteeThis section has been revised to be consistent with 6.10.5.1 which requires EWFD forStatement:power areas which includes battery areas.ResponseFR-9-NFPA 76-2022Message:FR-9-NFPA 76-2022

Public Input No. 11-NFPA 76-2020 [Section No. 6.10.8.2.8.1]



Listed pre-engineered stationary storage battery systems and prepackaged stationary storage battery systems shall not exceed 250 KWh (900 Mega joules) each. [1: 52.3.2.3.4]

6.10.8.3.3.5

The AHJ shall be permitted to approve listed pre-engineered and prepackaged battery arrays with larger capacities or smaller battery array spacing if large-scale fire and fault condition testing conducted or witnessed and reported by an approved testing laboratory is provided showing that a fire involving one array will not propagate to an adjacent array, and be contained within the room for a duration equal to the fire resistance rating of the room separation required by 6.10.8.1.1.3 .[1: 52.3.2.3.5]

6.10.8.3.4 Hazard Mitigation Analysis.

A failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA) or other approved hazard mitigation analysis shall be provided to the AHJ when any of the following conditions are present:

Battery technologies not specifically identified in 6.10.8.3.1 are provided.

More than one stationary storage battery technology is provided in a room or indoor area where there is a potential for adverse interaction between technologies.

When allowed as a basis for increasing maximum allowable quantities as specified in 6.10.8.3.2 -

[**1:** 52.3.2.4]

6.10.8.3.4.1

The analysis shall evaluate the consequences of the following failure modes, and others deemed necessary by the AHJ. Only single failure modes shall be considered for each mode:

Thermal runaway condition in a single module or array

Failure of a battery management system

Failure of a required ventilation system

Voltage surges on the primary electric supply

Short circuits on the load side of the stationary battery storage system

Failure of the smoke detection, fire suppression, or gas detection system

[1: 52.3.2.4.1]

6.10.8.3.4.2

The AHJ shall be permitted to approve the hazardous mitigation analysis provided the consequences of the FMEA demonstrate the following:

Fires or explosions will be contained within unoccupied stationary storage battery system rooms for the minimum duration of the fire resistance rated specified in 6.10.8.1.1.2 -or 6.10.8.1.1.3 , as applicable

Fires and explosions in stationary storage battery system cabinets in occupied work centers allow occupants to safely evacuate

Toxic and highly toxic gases released during charging, discharging, and normal operation shall not exceed the permissible exposure limit (PEL)

Toxic and highly toxic gases released during fires and other fault conditions shall not reach concentrations in access of IDLH level in the building or adjacent means of egress routes during the time deemed necessary to evacuate from that area

Flammable gases released from batteries during charging, discharging, and normal operation shall not exceed 25 percent of the lower flammable limit (LFL)

[1: 52.3.2.4.2]

6.10.8.3.4.3

Construction, equipment, and systems that are required for the lithium-ion or sodium-nickel battery systems to comply with the hazardous mitigation analysis shall be installed, maintained, and tested in accordance with nationally recognized standards and specified design parameters.

6.10.8.3.5 Listings.

Storage batteries shall be listed in accordance with ANSI/UL 1973, Standard for Batteries for Use in Stationary, Vehicle Auxiliary Power and Light Electric Rail (LER) Applications - Prepackaged and pre-engineered lithium-ion or sodium-nickel battery systems shall be listed in accordance with ANSI/UL 9540, Outline of Investigation for Energy Storage Systems and Equipment -

6.10.8.3.5.1 Prepackaged and Pre-engineered Systems.

Prepackaged and pre-engineered stationary storage battery systems shall be installed in accordance with their listing and the manufacturer's instructions. [1: 52.3.2.5.1]

A.6.10.8.3.5.1

A prepackaged stationary storage battery system is designed and investigated as a single unit, assembled in a factory, and shipped to the site. A pre-engineered stationary storage battery system is designed and investigated as a single unit, but is shipped in modular form for assembly at the site. [1: A.52.3.2.5.1]

6.10.8.3.6 Installation.

6.10.8.3.6.1 Battery Management System.

An approved battery management system shall be provided for monitoring and balancing cell voltages, currents, and temperatures within the manufacturer's specifications. The system shall transmit an alarm signal to an approved location if potentially hazardous temperatures or other conditions including short circuits, overvoltage (i.e., overcharge) or under voltage (i.e., over discharge) are detected. [1: 52.3.2.6.1]

6.10.8.3.6.2 Battery Chargers.

Battery chargers shall be compatible with the battery manufacturer's electrical ratings and charging specifications. Battery chargers shall be listed in accordance with the ANSI/UL 1564, Standard for Industrial Battery Chargers, or provided as part of a listed preengineered or prepackaged lithium-ion or sodium-nickel battery system.

6.10.8.3.6.3 Signage.

(A)

Approved signage shall be provided on doors or in approved locations near entrances to battery system rooms.

(B)

New signage installations shall require the following items:

Hazard identification markings in accordance with NFPA 704

"This room contains energized battery systems," or the equivalent

Identification of the type(s) of batteries present

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Any potential hazards associated with the batteries

(C)

Where the battery storage system disconnecting means is not within sight of the main service disconnect, placards or directories shall be installed at the locations of the main service disconnect to indicate the location of all battery storage disconnecting means in accordance with NFPA 70 - [1: 52.3.2.6.5.3]

(D)

Existing stationary storage battery systems shall be permitted to include the signage required at the time it was installed. [1: 52.3.2.6.5.4]

(E)

Fire command centers in buildings containing stationary storage battery systems shall include signage or readily available documentation that describes the location of stationary storage battery systems, the types of batteries present, operating voltages, and location of electrical disconnects. [1: 52.3.2.6.5.7]

6.10.8.3.6.4 Mixed Battery Systems.

Different types of batteries shall not be installed in the same room or cabinet if there is a potential for unsafe interaction between them, as determined by the AHJ. [1: 52.3.2.6.8]

A.6.10.8.3.6.4

This section is intended to address unique situations where the installation of different types of batteries in the same room or cabinet could create a situation where there is unacceptable chemical, thermal, or other interaction between them, or where the surrounding environment is not within the battery manufacturers' specifications. The AHJ has the option to require a hazard mitigation analysis, conducted in accordance with 6.10.8.3.4, to identify hazards and potential solutions that will mitigate the hazards. [1: A.52.3.2.6.8]

6.10.8.3.7 Suppression and Detection.

6.10.8.3.7.1 Fire Suppression.

(A)

Rooms containing stationary storage battery systems shall be protected by an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 13.3 of NFPA 1 or an approved alternative suppression system.

(B)

Commodity classifications for specific technologies of storage batteries shall be in accordance with Chapter 5 of NFPA 13 - [1: 52.3.2.7.1.1]

6.10.8.3.7.2 Smoke Detection.

An approved automatic smoke detection system shall be installed in rooms containing stationary storage battery systems in accordance with *NFPA* 72, and the required automatic smoke detection system shall be supervised by an approved central, proprietary, or remote station service or a local alarm that will give an audible signal at a constantly attended location.

6.10.8.3.8 Thermal Runaway.

Where required by 6.10.8.3.9, a listed device or other approved method shall be provided to preclude, detect, and control thermal runaway. [1: 52.3.2.10]

6.10.8.3.9 Battery-Specific Protection.

Stationary storage battery systems shall comply with 6.10.8.2 through 6.10.8.3.8 and this section, as applicable. [1: 52.3.2.11]

6.10.8.3.9.1 Lithium-Ion Batteries.

Stationary storage battery systems utilizing lithium-ion batteries shall be provided with thermal runaway monitoring in accordance with 6.10.8.3.8 -

6.10.8.3.9.2 Sodium-Nickel Batteries.

Stationary storage battery systems utilizing sodium-nickel batteries shall be provided with thermal runaway monitoring in accordance with 6.10.8.3.8 -

6.10.8.3.10 Testing, Maintenance, and Repairs.

6.10.8.3.10.1

Stationary storage batteries and associated equipment and systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. [1: 52.3.2.12.1]

6.10.8.3.10.2

Any storage batteries or system components used to replace existing units shall be compatible with the battery charger, battery management systems, other storage batteries, and other safety systems. [1: 52.3.2.12.2]

6.10.8.4 Other Battery Types.

Other battery types not addressed in 6.10.8.2 -or 6.10.8.3 -shall be in accordance with Chapter 52 of NFPA 1 -

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Committee Statement

Committee NFPA 855 covers the Energy Storage System requirements for the protection of lithium **Statement:** ion batteries and therefore the requirements have been deleted from NFPA 76. A task group has been put together to review the requirements in the 2023 edition of NFPA 855 Energy Storage Systems relating to lithium ion batteries to ensure they are meeting the needs of UPS per NFPA 76 as an occupancy standard.

Response FR-10-NFPA 76-2022 **Message:**

Public Input No. 13-NFPA 76-2020 [Sections 6.10.8.3, 6.10.8.4]

Public Input No. 50-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 6.10.8.3.8]

Public Input No. 37-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 6.10.8.3.6.2]

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Public Input No. 51-NFPA 76-2021 [New Section after 6.10.8.3.8]

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Public Input No. 35-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 6.10.8.3.5]

Public Input No. 36-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 6.10.8.3.6.1]

Public Input No. 12-NFPA 76-2020 [Section No. 6.10.8.3.7.2]

Public Input No. 1-NFPA 76-2020 [Section No. 6.10.8.3.1.1]



Public Input No. 14-NFPA 76-2020 [Section No. 6.13.1.2]



Committee Statement

Committee Guidance in NFPA 76 to address normal levels of equipment and service redundancy has **Statement:** been added. As service delivery continues to become more concentrated, the size of "allowable" fires continues to shrink so that even a very small fire, limited to a single chassis can be very impactful to service. The new annex material provides guidance on recommended levels of redundancy to improve service reliability.

Response FR-12-NFPA 76-2022

Message:

Public Input No. 106-NFPA 76-2022 [Section No. 7.1.1]





8.3.3.1.1

Pipes, conduits, cables, and cable trays that penetrate fire-resistance-rated construction shall be protected with assemblies tested in accordance with ASTM E814 or UL 1479.

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Committee Statement

Committee UL 1479, The Standard for Fire Tests of Penetration Firestops is an equivalent test **Statement:** standard to ASTM E814. This is consistent with similar references to both documents in NFPA 101.

Response FR-16-NFPA 76-2022 **Message:**

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Public Input No. 103-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.3.3.2.2]



8.6.2.7 Hybrid Fire-Extinguishing Systems.

<u>8.6.2.7.1</u>

Where provided hybrid fire-extinguishing systems shall be designed, installed, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 770.

<u>8.6.2.7.2</u>

<u>Hybrid fire-extinguishing systems shall be designed and installed for the specific hazards, protection, and protection objectives as specified in the listing.</u>

8.6.2.7.3

Detection systems used to actuate hybrid fire-extinguishing systems shall be designed in accordance with Section 8.5.

<u>8.6.2.7.4</u>

<u>Detection systems utilized for the operation of hybrid fire-extinguishing systems shall be</u> installed in accordance with the listing criteria.

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Committee Statement

CommitteeAdded new language to allow for the use of hybrid fire-extinguishing systems. This alignsStatement:with the requirements for other fire suppression technologies throughout this section.ResponseFR-56-NFPA 76-2022Message:Committee

Public Input No. 110-NFPA 76-2022 [Section No. 8.6.2]

First Revision No. 19-NFPA 76-2022 [Section No. 8.8.2]

8.8.2 Wire <u>Wires</u>, and Cables, <u>Raceways</u>, <u>Cable Routing Assemblies</u>, and <u>Cable Trays</u>.

8.8.2.1

Telecommunications cables shall be listed to and marked in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/ UL 444, <u>Communications Cables</u>.

<u>8.8.2.1.1</u>

Telecommunications cables shall be marked in accordance with Table 8.8.2.1.1.

Table 8.8.2.1.1 Telecommunications Cable Markings

Cable Type	Cable Marking
Plenum communications cable	Type CMP
Limited=smoke riser communications cable	Type CMR-ST1
Limited=smoke general-purpose communications cable	<u>Type CMG-ST1, Type CM-ST1</u>

<u>8.8.2.1.2</u>				
The substitutions for telecommunications cables that are shown in Table 8.8.2.1.2 and illustrated in Figure 8.8.2.1.2 sholl be permitted				
Table 8.8.2.1.2 Telecommunications Cable Substitutions				
Cable Type Permitted			d Substitutions	
CMR-ST1	-	<u>CMP</u>		
CMG-ST1, CM-ST1		CMR-ST1		
Figure 8.8.2.1.2 Cable	Substitution Hiera	<u>chy.</u>		
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8.8.2.2

Telecommunications wires shall be listed to the requirements for cross-connect wire in ANSI/ UL 444.

8.8.2.3

Optical fiber cables shall be listed to and marked in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/ UL 1651.

<u>8.8.2.3.1</u>

Optical fiber cables shall be marked in accordance with Table 8.8.2.3.1.

Table 8.8.2.3.1 Optical Fiber Cable Markings

Cable Type	Cable Marking
Nonconductive optical fiber plenum cable	Type OFNP
Conductive optical fiber plenum cable	Type OFCP
Limited-smoke nonconductive optical fiber riser cable	Type OFNR-ST1
Limited-smoke conductive optical fiber riser cable	Type OFCR-ST1
Limited-smoke nonconductive optical fiber general- purpose cable	<u>Type OFNG-ST1, Type OFN-</u> <u>ST1</u>
Limited-smoke conductive optical fiber general-purpose cable	<u>Type OFCG-ST1, Type OFC-</u> <u>ST1</u>

<u>8.8.2.3.2</u>

The substitutions for optical fiber cables shown in Table 8.8.2.3.2 and illustrated in Figure 8.8.2.3.2 shall be permitted.

Table 8.8.2.3.2 Communications Raceway Substitutions

Cable Type	Permitted Substitutions
<u>OFCP</u>	<u>OFNP</u>
OFNR-ST1	OFNP
OFCR-ST1	OFNP, OFCP, OFNR-ST1
OFNG-ST1, OFN-ST1	OFNP, OFNR-ST1
OFCG-ST1, OFC-ST1	<u>OFNP, OFCP, OFNR-ST1, OFCR, ST1, OFNG-ST1, OFN-ST1</u>

Figure 8.8.2.3.2



8.8.2.4

Wires and cables intended for powering signal-processing equipment and insulated ground wires shall be listed to and marked in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/ UL 1277, ANSI/ UL 44, or ANSI/ UL 83 or shall be specifically listed for the purpose.

8.8.2.5

Communications raceways shall be listed to and marked in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/ UL 2024.

<u>8.8.2.5.1</u>

Communications raceways cables shall be marked in accordance with Table 8.8.2.5.1.

Table 8.8.2.5.1 Communications Raceway Markings

Raceway Type	Raceway Marking
Plenum communications raceway	Plenum communications raceway
Riser communications raceway	Riser communications raceway
<u>General-purpose communications</u> racewa <u>y</u>	General-purpose communications raceway

<u>8.8.2.5.2</u>

The substitutions for communications raceways shown in Table 8.8.2.5.2 and illustrated in Figure 8.8.2.5.2 shall be permitted.



Raceway Type	Permitted Substitutions
Riser communications raceway	Plenum communications raceway
General-purpose communications raceway	Riser communications raceway, general- purpose communications raceway

Figure 8.8.2.5.2



8.8.2.6

Cable routing assemblies shall be listed to and marked in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/UL 2024.

<u>8.8.2.6.1</u>

Cable routing assemblies shall be marked in accordance with Table 8.8.2.6.1.

Table 8.8.2.6.1 Cable Routing Assembly Markings

Cable Routing Assembly Type	Cable Routing Assembly Marking
Plenum cable routing assembly	Plenum cable routing assembly
Riser cable routing assembly	Riser cable routing assembly
<u>General-purpose cable routing</u> assembly	General-purpose cable routing assembly

<u>8.8.2.6.2</u>

The substitutions for cable routing assemblies shown in Table 8.8.2.6.2 and illustrated in Figure 8.8.2.6.2 shall be permitted.

Table 8.8.2.6.2 Cable Routing Assembly Substitution Hierarchy.

Cable Routing Assembly Type	Permitted Substitutions
<u>Riser cable routing assembly</u>	Plenum cable routing assembly
<u>General-purpose cable routing</u> assembly	<u>Riser cable routing assembly, general-purpose cable</u> routing assembly

Figure 8.8.2.6.2



8.8.2.7

Nonmetallic cable trays shall be listed to in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/ UL 568.

8.8.2.8 Raised Floor and Ceiling Cavity Plenums.

8.8.2.8.1

Wires and cables intended for powering signal-processing equipment, telecommunications cables <u>(Type CMP plenum communications cables)</u>, <u>Type OFNP optical fiber cables</u>, <u>Type OFCP conductive</u>, optical fiber cables, and insulated ground wires installed in plenums shall be listed as having a maximum flame spread of 1.5 m (5.0 ft) or less, a maximum peak optical density of 0.50 or less, and a maximum average optical density of 0.15 or less when tested in accordance with NFPA 262.

8.8.2.8.2

Communications raceways installed in plenums shall be listed as having a maximum flame spread of 1.5 m (5.0 ft) or less, a maximum peak optical density of 0.50 or less plenum communications raceways, and a maximum average optical density of 0.15 or less when tested marked as plenum communications raceways in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/ UL 2024, Cable Routing Assemblies and Communications Raceways.

8.8.2.8.3

Cable routing assemblies installed in plenums shall be listed to as plenum cable routing assemblies and marked plenum cable routing assemblies in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/ UL 2024.

8.8.2.8.4*

Nonmetallic cable trays used in plenums shall be listed for use in plenums and shall be constructed of materials that are either noncombustible or that exhibit a maximum flame spread index of 25 and a maximum smoke developed index of 50 when tested in accordance with ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, or with ANSI/ UL 723, *Standard for* Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials.

8.8.2.9 Risers.

8.8.2.9.1

Telecommunications cables <u>(Type CMR-ST1 limited-smoke riser communications cables)</u>, <u>Type OFNR-ST1 limited-smoke nonconductive</u>, optical fiber <u>riser cables</u>, <u>Type OFCR-ST1</u> <u>limited-smoke conductive optical fiber riser</u> cables, wires and cables intended for powering signal-processing equipment, insulated ground wires, communications raceways, and nonmetallic cable trays installed vertically between floors in a building shall comply with ANSI/ UL 1666. These cables shall demonstrate limited smoke generation by testing in accordance with ANSI/ UL 1685.

8.8.2.9.2

Telecommunications cables, <u>(Type CMP plenum communications cables)</u>, <u>Type OFNP</u> <u>nonconductive optical fiber cables</u>, <u>Type OFCP conductive</u> optical fiber cables, wires and cables intended for powering signal-processing equipment, and insulated ground wires meeting the requirements of 8.8.2.8.1 shall be permitted.

8.8.2.9.3

Communications Plenum communications raceways meeting the requirements of 8.8.2.8.2 and riser communications raceways shall be permitted to be installed vertically between floors (risers).

8.8.2.9.4

Cable <u>Plenum cable</u> routing assemblies meeting the requirements of 8.8.2.8.3 shall be permitted and riser cable routing assemblies shall be permitted to be installed vertically between floors (risers).

8.8.2.9.5

Cable routing assemblies shall be listed to the requirements of ANSI/UL 2024.

8.8.2.9.6

Cable routing assemblies meeting the requirements of 8.8.2.8.4 -shall be permitted.

8.8.2.10 Installations Other Than Risers and Plenums.

Installations of telecommunications wires and cables, optical fiber cables, wires and cables intended for powering signal-processing equipment, and insulated ground wires in spaces other than risers or plenums shall comply with 8.8.2.10.1 or 8.8.2.10.2 or 8.8.2.10.3.

8.8.2.10.1

Telecommunications wires and (listed communications wires), telecommunications cables, (Type CM-ST1 limited-smoke general purpose communications cables), Type OFN-ST1 limited-smoke nonconductive optical fiber, general-purpose cables, Type OFC-ST1 limited-smoke conductive optical fiber general-purpose cables, wires and cables intended for powering signal-processing equipment, and insulated ground wires shall be listed as not spreading fire to the top of the tray and shall demonstrate limited smoke generation in the vertical-tray flame test in ANSI/ UL 1685.

8.8.2.10.2

Telecommunications wires, and telecommunications cables (Type CMG-ST1 limited-smoke general-purpose communications cables), Type OFNG-ST1 limited-smoke nonconductive, optical fiber general-purpose cables, Type OFCG-ST1 limited-smoke conductive optical fiber general-purpose cables, wires and cables intended for powering signal-processing equipment, and insulated ground wires shall be listed as meeting the requirements of the FT-4 test in CSA Vertical Flame Test — Cables in Cable Trays in the *Test Methods for Electrical Wires and Cables*, C22.2 No. 0.3-M-1996 09 (R2019), with char length not to exceed 1.5 m (4 ft 11 in.). These cables shall demonstrate limited smoke generation by testing in accordance with ANSI/ UL 1685.

8.8.2.10.3

Telecommunications cables, optical fiber cables, wires and cables intended for powering signal-processing equipment, and insulated ground wires meeting the requirements of 8.8.2.8.1 or 8.8.2.9.1 shall be permitted.

<u>8.8.2.10.3.1</u>

Substitute cables selected in accordance with 8.8.2.1.2 and 8.8.2.3.2 shall be permitted.

8.8.2.10.4

Communications <u>Plenum</u>, riser, and <u>general-purpose communications</u> raceways shall not spread fire <u>be permitted</u> to the top of the tray <u>be installed</u> in the vertical-tray flame test in <u>ANSI/UL 2024</u> <u>spaces other than risers and plenums</u>.

8.8.2.10.5

Cable <u>Plenum, riser, and general-purpose cable</u> routing assemblies shall be listed <u>permitted</u> to the requirements of ANSI/UL 2024 <u>be installed in spaces other than risers and plenums</u>.

8.8.2.10.6

Cable routing assemblies and communications raceways meeting the requirements of 8.8.2.8.2 or 8.8.2.9.1 shall be permitted. Nonmetallic cable trays meeting the requirements of 8.8.2.8.4 or 8.8.2.9.1 shall be permitted.

8.8.2.10.7

Cable routing assemblies meeting the requirements of 8.8.2.8.4 or 8.8.2.9.5 -shall be permitted.

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Committee Statement

Committee This FR is editorial. Its intent is to illustrate and clarify requirements that are in the current **Statement:** edition of the standard; no technical changes are proposed. Since telecommunications cables, raceways, and cable routing assemblies need to be marked in order to ensure that they meet listing requirements, including marking requirements improves usability of the standard. Displaying substitution requirements in a table and an illustration improves the usability of the standard. ANSI has been removed from UL document titles.

Response FR-19-NFPA 76-2022

Message:

Public Input No. 79-NFPA 76-2021 [New Section after 8.8.2.6] Public Input No. 59-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.8.2] Public Input No. 82-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.9.5] Public Input No. 70-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.6] Public Input No. 63-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.9.4] Public Input No. 92-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.10.7] Public Input No. 85-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.10.3] Public Input No. 67-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.3] Public Input No. 87-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.10.4] Public Input No. 93-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.10.6] Public Input No. 65-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.9.6] Public Input No. 76-NFPA 76-2021 [New Section after 8.8.2.3] Public Input No. 88-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.10.5] Public Input No. 58-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.8.3] Public Input No. 75-NFPA 76-2021 [New Section after 8.8.2.1] Public Input No. 69-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.5] Public Input No. 84-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.10.2] Public Input No. 71-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.7] Public Input No. 74-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.2] Public Input No. 83-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.10.1] Public Input No. 62-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.9.3] Public Input No. 86-NFPA 76-2021 [New Section after 8.8.2.10.3] Public Input No. 80-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.9.1] Public Input No. 66-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.1] Public Input No. 81-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.9.2] Public Input No. 78-NFPA 76-2021 [New Section after 8.8.2.5] Public Input No. 68-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.4] Public Input No. 77-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2] Public Input No. 60-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. 8.8.2.8.1]





Committee Statement

Committee Language added on in-building emergency responder communications enhancement **Statement:** systems to ensure that their installation is coordinated to minimize disruption between first response radio communications and telecommunications equipment.

Response FR-22-NFPA 76-2022 Message:

Public Input No. 29-NFPA 76-2021 [New Section after 10.3.1]





<u>11.2.4</u>

Fire detection systems shall not be required in these facilities.

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Committee Statement

Committee Indirectly, section 11.2.1 exempts small facilities from fire detection installation **Statement:** requirements. However, as was done with Portable Fire Extinguishers in section 11.2.3, a more explicit exception is beneficial to telecom carriers.

Response FR-24-NFPA 76-2022 Message:

Public Input No. 23-NFPA 76-2020 [New Section after 11.2.3]



A.3.3.2.4 Sodium-Nickel Battery Valve-Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA).

In VRLA batteries the liquid electrolyte in the cells is immobilized in an absorptive glass mat (AGM cells or batteries) or by the addition of a gelling agent (gel cells or gelled batteries).

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Committee Statement

Committee
Statement:Current edition section heading is Sodium-Nickel Battery, but the section annexed is
actually pertaining to VRLA batteries.Response
Message:FR-25-NFPA 76-2022

Public Input No. 4-NFPA 76-2020 [Section No. A.3.3.2.4]

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First Revision No. 29-NFPA 76-2022 [Section No. A.3.3.2.5]		
A.3.3.2.5 Valve-Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) Vented (Flooded).		
Vented batteries have a provision for the user to add water to the cell and are equipped with a flame-arresting vent that permits the escape of hydrogen and oxygen gas from the cell in a manner such that a spark or other ignition source outside the cell will not ignite the gases inside the cell.		
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Committee Statement		
CommitteeThe annex section references the wrong definition - it covers vented (flooded) batteriesStatement:but it references VRLA batteries which are different from vented batteries.ResponseFR-29-NFPA 76-2022Message:FR-29-NFPA 76-2022		
Public Input No. 5-NFPA 76-2020 [Section No. A.3.3.2.5]		

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The inter remove a electrica power of the use o more sev The mea facility. It disconne	It is to provide a procedure and any necessary marking of disconnect equipment to all sources of power from specific equipment or building areas that could be ly overloaded or involved in a fire incident. The intent is not to provide an emergency f capability as required referenced in Article 645 of <i>NFPA 70</i> and NFPA 75, because of telecommunications equipment and the consequences of disconnecting power are vere than for the IT equipment covered by the requirements of <i>NFPA 70</i> and NFPA 75. Ins to disconnect power should not be readily available to a casual occupant of the is permitted to require special knowledge of the power systems to operate the recting means.
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First Revision No. 30-NFPA 76-2022 [Section No. A.6.5]

Public Input No. 19-NFPA 76-2020 [Section No. A.6.5]

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Committee Statement	Annex text has been added to clarify where using the telecom plant as the sole source of emergency power for egress lighting, the plant should be maintained as an NFPA 111 Level 1 power supply. This has additional requirements for maintenance, performance and documentation that may go beyond that provided by telecom routines. If unit power, via local batteries maintained and tested as part of the light device are provided in parallel, the telecom plant is a secondary backup to the in unit battery and does not need to meet NFPA 111 requirements. Recent work within NFPA 111 has been made to clarify this as well.





A.6.10.8.2.6 🔗

Information on The fixed ventilation rate of 1 ft ³/min/ft ² (5.1 L/sec/m ²) of floor area might be excessive compared to what is actually needed for room ventilation based on worst-case hydrogen production. Detailed information on battery room ventilation can be found in IEEE 1635/ASHRAE 21, Guide to Battery Room for the Ventilation and Thermal Management of Batteries for Stationary Applications .-[1: A.52.2.2.6]

<u>Where exhaust ventilation is used to control hydrogen levels, exhaust ventilation is often</u> <u>incorporated into the building heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system. In such cases,</u> <u>the circulation of the battery room air into other spaces as part of the exhaust flow is allowable,</u> <u>provided the battery room exhaust rate conforms to section 6.10.8.2.6</u>.

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Committee Statement

Committee This adds guidance that the 1cfm/ft2 value is normally excessive and not preferred as it **Statement:** wastes energy and harms the planet.

It is very common in telecommunications applications to utilize a centralized HVAC system for air conditioning, air distribution and ventilation. Ventilation via the introduction of outdoor air and exhaust of return air is provided at the air handler, which may be remote from the battery room, as the battery room cooling load is often rather low compared to data processing areas. This can result in battery room air traveling through adjacent rooms to get back to a centralized air return grill prior to being exhausted from the building. This is permissible as the air mixture during ventilation is at all times nonexplosive, non-flammable and non-toxic.

Response FR-36-NFPA 76-2022 Message:

Public Input No. 40-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. A.6.10.8.2.6]

Public Input No. 94-NFPA 76-2021 [Section No. A.6.10.8.2.6]



First Revision No. 33-NFPA 76-2022 [Section No. A.7.8.1]
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The telecommunications facility normally has a battery system to operate the telecommunications equipment during power failure. This enables the public to use the communication network during power failures or planned outages for equipment servicing. In selected cases, where the telecommunications company acknowledges adequate power reserve, the battery system can be used as a source for emergency lighting systems as required by NFPA <i>101</i> . Where the telecommunications battery system is used as the sole source of emergency lighting system power (i.e., is not in parallel with unit equipment lighting power per <u>NFPA 70</u>), the telecommunications battery system should be maintained and meet the requirements of NFPA 111 for Level 1 power systems.
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Committee Annex text has been added to clarify where using the telecom plant as the sole source of Statement: emergency power for egress lighting, the plant should be maintained as an NFPA 111 Level 1 power supply. This has additional requirements for maintenance, performance and documentation that may go beyond that provided by telecom routines. If unit power, via local batteries maintained and tested as part of the light device are provided in parallel, the telecom plant is a secondary backup to the in unit battery and does not need to meet NFPA 111 requirements. Recent work within NFPA 111 has been made to clarify this as well.
Response FR-33-NFPA 76-2022 Message:
Public Input No. 15-NFPA 76-2020 [Section No. A.7.8.1]





Smoke management for telecommunications facilities is different from smoke management applications for high-rise buildings or tall atria as prescribed in NFPA 92 and NFPA 204. Paragraph A.8.7.2 is intended to provide design guidance on the application of smoke management systems for telecommunications facilities given the unique applications. Note that in this application, smoke management systems are not intended for life safety and emergency egress of building occupants as they are in other industry applications. Given that, the requirements of those other standards intended to support life safety functions are not intended to apply to the application to telecommunications facilities. The reasons for smoke management systems in this application are as follows:

- (1) To allow fire department personnel or operating personnel sufficient visibility to approach, locate, <u>and</u> depower equipment, and extinguish a fire without depowering the entire network facility
- (2) To prevent damage to equipment and loss of emergency communication systems
- (3) To provide means for rapid removal of smoke to permit continued cooling operations and prevent indirect damage to equipment from thermal effects and eventual loss of emergency communication systems

The smoke management system is intended to provide emergency removal of smoke contaminants from network equipment and power spaces in telecommunications buildings. Smoke removal is considered an important priority after a fire has been detected. Given the construction of the materials typically present in telecommunications spaces, damaging smoke and its subsequent removal require a higher priority than continued progression of a Class C fire, assuming the fire suppression (if present) is unable to extinguish the source. The fires associated with telecommunications switching equipment rooms are typically Class C, slowburn fires (e.g., electrical fires or energy-augmented fires), involving little to no flame but with large amounts of smoke generation. It is desirable that the network equipment remain in operation throughout the duration of a fire. Because these facilities often provide emergency communications, in only the most extreme cases should the facility be completely depowered as result of a fire or disaster. Smoke management systems installed in signal-processing areas are intended to protect the electronic equipment from being exposed to the caustic and damaging contents of the smoke, thereby preventing circuit bridging, circuit pack failures, and large loss of equipment, and associated services, within these spaces. In addition, the smoke management system is intended to maintain the smoke layer above a minimum height necessary to allow depowering operations by operating personnel and local firefighting firefighting authorities. The smoke management system should also should serve as a smoke purge system to remove smoke after a fire by means of dilution ventilation.

Typical design objectives of the smoke management system are as follows:

- (1) To remove smoke from the signal-processing areas
- (2) To remove smoke from design fires associated with cabling, trays, equipment, and associated packaging materials that might be in the space being protected
- (3) To provide the necessary makeup air
- (4) To remove smoke quickly enough to maintain the smoke above equipment racks during the worst-case design fire scenario to protect the equipment from smoke damage and allow for depowering efforts

Three <u>The three</u> distinct design approaches are commonly used for the smoke management systems used in telecommunications facilities, <u>are</u> as follows:

- (1) Smoke management removal of smoke products during a fire event (during depowering efforts)
- (2) Smoke removal rapid removal of the smoke products after a fire event via dilution ventilation
- (3) Smoke control control of the spread of smoke to rooms that are not involved in the fire event; takes place from initial fire alarm through completion of the smoke removal of the affected zone until normal operations resume

The design approach for smoke management should be based on NFPA 92 using the following criteria:

- (1) t^2 design fire.
- (2) Very slow growth fire, >600 sec-
- (3) Make-up air quantities should that are permitted to be permitted equivalent to the exhaust air quantities for a given space-

The design approach for smoke removal should be based on dilution ventilation sufficient to remove smoke within a time frame acceptable to the owner and within sufficient time to prevent thermal failure of signal-processing equipment after the fire has been extinguished. Dilution ventilation can be calculated using the logarithmic calculation found in *Principles of Smoke Management*. To take a fire alarm system out of alarm, the smoke concentration needs to be diluted below the sensitivity level of the smoke detectors. The design should be permitted to be based on the worst-case calculation from a smoke management or smoke purge design approach.

Calculations for design fire cases should be permitted to be derived from generally accepted engineering practice.

It is important for the system designer to be aware of the limitations for any equations used in the design. Some of them might be applicable only under a limited range of conditions that might or might not be present in the job being designed.

Typical assumptions used in a performance-based design can include the following:

- (1) Good housekeeping practices are strictly followed, in which no amounts of combustible or flammable materials are stored in the critical equipment rooms.
- (2) No combustible materials are located under raised floors.
- (3) Telecommunications equipment or cabling involved in a fire will be depowered within 1 hour of an EWFD alarm.
- (4) The smoke management system will operate after the fire suppression system (if present).
- (5) Airflow is designed for smoke management during a fire event to maintain the smoke layer above equipment racks; airflow is also designed to be of sufficient rate to completely remove smoke within sufficient time to prevent thermal failure of the network equipment involved.

Smoke management systems should be provided in signal-processing equipment areas.

Refer to NFPA 92 and NFPA 101 for requirements of pressure control to ensure proper operation of doorways during system operation.

Smoke management systems should be permitted to be designed using applicable design calculations found in NFPA 92, NFPA 204, or *Principles of Smoke Management* using design fires in all spaces served by the smoke management system.

Equipment suitable for its intended use and the probable temperatures to which it is likely to be exposed should be permitted. Exhaust fans UL-listed for smoke management/control systems and carrying the UL-705 label or certified by the manufacturer to meet the minimum temperature and time requirements should be permitted. Smoke exhaust fans should be tested following ASHRAE 149.

Smoke dampers should be listed in accordance with UL 555S. Combination fire and smoke dampers should be listed in accordance with UL 555 and UL 555S. Dampers should be suitable for their intended use and the probable temperatures to which they are likely to be exposed. When present, dampers should have override capability for smoke management system operations. Damper override should not be permitted to close until temperatures exceed 177°C (350°F) in the duct. Dampers should be provided with limit switches used for verification of damper position in the control system and to ensure safe HVAC equipment operation.

Duct materials should be selected and designed to convey smoke, withstand additional pressure (both positive and negative) by the supply and exhaust fans when operating in a smoke-control mode, and maintain their structural integrity during the period for which the system is designed to operate. Ducts suitable for their intended use and the probable temperatures to which they are likely to be exposed should be permitted.

Control systems listed for smoke control applications in accordance with UL 864, category UUKL Control Units and Accessories for Fire Alarm Systems, for their intended purpose should be permitted.

A fire fighters' firefighters' smoke-control station (FSCS) per Annex H of NFPA 92 should be permitted. On/off/auto selectable switches (one per zone) should be permitted. An FSCS located behind locked cover for protection in public areas should be permitted. An FSCS located adjacent to a fire alarm panel or as directed by AHJ should be permitted.

A single control system or fire alarm system coordinating the smoke-control functions, FSCS, and any other related systems with the operation of the building HVAC systems and smoke-control equipment should be permitted.

A strobe light mounted at every entry point and labeled "EMERGENCY SMOKE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN OPERATION — DO NOT ENTER" at each zone served by the smoke management system should be permitted.

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Committee Text added to denote that the concern is loss of service in addition to the loss of **Statement:** equipment. UL 864 title provided for smoke control applications. Category codes are used exclusively by UL were removed.

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A.9.8 🔗

For new cabling installations, ac, dc, and telecommunications cables should be run in separate paths and not mixed. Where practical, unused or dead cables should be mined (removed) and discarded. Care should be taken during the removal process so as to protect the existing live cables from damage.

Infrared thermography or other like technology can be used to detect hot spots in telecommunications operations. Thermography scanning should be conducted for power boards, rectifiers, batteries, power room bus connectors, <u>accessible power cable H-taps and C-taps</u>, switchgear, ac/dc, and primary power supply.

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: H-taps and C-taps can be a source of hot spots. **Response Message:** FR-35-NFPA 76-2022

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B.2.2.3 Power Supply and Leads.		
A regulated dc power supply should be capable of supplying a current of 0 to 30 amperes at 0 to 18 volts dc (i.e., Kenwood Model XL6524E-D) . The lead wires between the power supply and the test wire(s) should be 10 AWG, 3.25 m (10.66 ft) long to avoid unacceptable voltage drop.		
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Committee Statement		
CommitteeThe power supply referenced in the section is no longer available. A user of theStatement:standard should be able to find a suitable supply based on the specifications.ResponseFR-38-NFPA 76-2022		
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Alternating current (ac) power is converted to direct current (dc) power by rectifiers and is stored in batteries to power the telecommunications equipment. The batteries provide power during commercial ac power failures. The batteries can be expected to provide power to the signal-processing equipment for several hours. Visitors should act as if the batteries are fully charged at all times. This should be a consideration even when working in or around a "depowered" power area. Direct current bus bars are often not insulated, presenting a danger to personnel using metal tools or wearing metallic jewelry or watches in proximity to the bus bars.

<u>Battery areas require proper ventilation to assure safety.</u> Hydrogen gas could be present and <u>can be produced during the use of both flooded cell and valve-regulated lead-acid (VRLA)</u> <u>batteries and</u> should be vented to prevent the buildup to explosive levels.

Many types of batteries contain dilute sulfuric acid-based electrolyte. Hydrogen gas can be produced during battery use for both flooded cell and valve regulated lead acid (VRLA) batteries. Battery areas require proper ventilation. VRLA batteries minimize acid spill potential, because the electrolyte is immobilized. The VRLA batteries do have the potential for <u>mild</u> thermal runaway events if overcharged or charged at elevated temperatures. VRLA batteries need to be maintained in a properly conditioned environment and should be monitored for signs of thermal runaway, and increases in charging voltage, charging current, or battery temperature, so that proper action can be taken to prevent damage.

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Committee Statement

Committee This revision groups electrical, hydrogen, and spill hazards in a logical sequence. Added **Statement:** modifier "mild" to thermal runaway for VRLA batteries to distinguish from combustible fire events associated with thermal runaway of lithium-ion batteries which are also classified as thermal runaway but are actually chain-reaction venting of flaming gasses from lithium cells.

Response FR-40-NFPA 76-2022 **Message:**

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