



**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT SERVICES BRANCH
PERMITS AND REVIEW DIVISION**

**FIRE PROTECTION BULLETIN
F05-02**

April 1, 2005

SUBJECT: Establish policy and clear guidelines for permitting and plan review related to **sprinkler systems**, via a walk-thru process.

PURPOSE: To expedite the County's review of sprinkler systems that are less than 50 additions/relocations of sprinkler heads and do not require calculations.

AUTHORITY: This Fire Protection Bulletin is issued by authority granted to the Fire Code Official in Section 4-109 (Duties and Powers of Code Official; Fire Safety Provisions) of the Prince George's County Code. Orders of the State Fire Marshal are by authority of Article 38A, Section 8(a)(3), of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

NOTIFICATION: Contractors who are either a Technician III certified by the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) or a Professional Engineer with three years of associated knowledge and experience are eligible to walk-thru sprinkler systems containing less than 50 sprinkler heads and without calculations. Applications may be walked thru Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

The contractor must assure that the building/architectural plans have been approved and that the case number/permit number is accompanied with the walk-thru application. A maximum of 50 additions/relocations of sprinkler heads will be allowed for the walk-thru. In addition, a minimum of three sets of shop drawings must be submitted during the walk-thru and must not include systems requiring calculations.

Fire suppression system walk-thrus will be subject for acceptance by the Fire Protection Engineer working at the

counter. More complex systems will be required to be submitted at the request of the reviewing Fire Protection Engineer.

RESPONSIBILITIES: All Fire Protection Engineers shall review fire sprinkler plans for code compliance in accordance with the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13, as referenced by the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code adopted by the State Fire Marshal.

APPROVED AND ISSUED: Effective this date, April 1, 2005.

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