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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors of Voluntary Agencies
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FROM: Jan Abelseth, Deputy Commissioner
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RE: 11/1/2002 Sprinkler Testing Memorandum

DATE: November 22, 2002

There appears to be some confusion about the meaning of the previous memo regarding sprinkler testing, issued on November 1, 2002. The 1998 edition of NFPA 25, the sprinkler testing standard for NFPA 13 and 13R sprinkler systems, revised one of its testing requirements. Until that edition, the main drain flow test on NFPA 13 systems needed to be performed quarterly. The 1998 edition changed that requirement to annual testing. Please note, the change did not affect the requirement for a water flow alarm test which is still required to be performed quarterly. The two tests are not the same.

There are no changes to testing requirements for NFPA 13D systems. I hope this will clarify any confusion resulting from the previous memo. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Joel Altschul at 518 473-7032.