

Summary of Modifications/Changes in this Update

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VA Fire Protection Design Manual 6th Edition

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:

1. Updated and clarified the fire protection criteria for buildings that are designed to the (VAHBS) VA Hospital Building System (Interstitial space design).
2. Deleted health care laboratory requirements that referenced NFPA 99. All laboratories are now required to follow the requirements of NFPA 45.
3. Clarified sprinkler permissions and requirements for Magnetic Resonance Imaging Centers (MRIs) and Data Centers.
4. Added clean agent gaseous fire extinguishing criteria for the protection of data centers.
5. Clarified portable fire extinguisher cabinet criteria.
6. Modified the fire alarm system requirements for ambulatory health care occupancies to more closely resemble the requirements for the defend in place criteria of health care occupancies.
7. Deleted the reference to the interface between the smoke detector in the elevator hoistway and the elevator hoistway ventilation damper since the requirement to ventilate the elevator hoistway was eliminated from the IBC.
8. Added carbon monoxide criteria including requirements for VHA quarters that were previously identified in VHA Directive 2008-074, which was rescinded.