69A-46.041 Inspection Requirements for Fire Protection Systems.

(1) A Fire Protection Contractor, contracting to perform inspecting, testing, and maintenance service on a fire protection system shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 633, F.S., and the applicable NFPA standards as adopted in Rule Chapter 69A-3, F.A.C.

(2) Each system that has been inspected, tested, or maintained by a fire protection contractor, or his or her permitted Water-Based Fire Protection Inspector, shall have a record tag of durable and weather resistant material placed on the riser.

(3) Inspection Tags.

(a) After inspection and testing, an inspection tag shall be completed indicating all work that has been done, and then attached to the system riser in such a position as to permit convenient inspection and not hamper activation or operation. A new inspection tag shall be attached to the system riser each time an inspection and test service is performed.

(b) Inspection tags must be a minimum dimension of 133 mm (5 1/4 inches) in height and 89 mm (3 1/2 inches) in width, and a maximum dimension of 178 mm (7 inches) in height and 102 mm (4 inches) in width.

(c) Inspection tags shall bear the following information in an easily read format:

1. 'DO NOT REMOVE BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.' This particular information shall be in a minimum of 10 pt type and in all capital letters;

2. The licensed Fire Protection System Contractor I or II's name and licensed physical address;

3. The license number of the Fire Protection System Contractor I or II;

4. The permit number of the Water-Based Fire Protection Inspector;

5. The permitted Water-Based Fire Protection Inspector's signature;

6. The day, month and year (to be punched), and

7. The facility name and address.

8. Affixing this tag shall not be construed to invalidate the owner's responsibility to maintain the system as provided in Section 633.082, F.S.

9. The reverse of the non-compliant tag shall include at least four separate boxes for the listing of repair work as follows:

a. Date of Repair:

b. Repaired by (Signature):

c. Print Name:

d. Type of Repair:

e. Permit Number: (if repair is made by a Water Based Fire Protection Inspector, Permit Number must be noted.)

(d) Inspection tags may be printed and established for a five-year period of time.

(e) An inspection tag shall only be removed by the Fire Protection System Contractor or his permitted Water-Based Fire Protection Inspector.

(4) Compliance and Noncompliance Tag.

(a) If a fire protection system is found to be in compliance with the applicable NFPA standards, a GREEN Compliance Tag shall be attached to either the main riser or main control valve in such a manner as to be plainly visible and not more than 60 inches above the finished floor.

(b) If a fire protection system is found to have deficiencies and is not in compliance with the applicable NFPA standards, a completed RED Noncompliance Tag shall be attached to the main control valve of the system to indicate that corrective action is necessary. If the system is operational but not in compliance with the applicable NFPA standards, the building owner or authorized representative and occupant shall be notified by copy of the NFPA 25 inspection report within 30 days of the inspection. If the system is not operational, the contractor or inspector shall notify the building owner or authorized representative, the occupant, and the authority having jurisdiction within 24 hours of the time of the inspection.

(5) The contractor shall maintain all records of any fire protection system having been inspected, serviced and maintained.

(6) These records shall be made available to the State Fire Marshal upon request.

(7) The contractor or his or her permitted Water-Based Fire Protection Inspector shall complete in detail the inspection reports as required in NFPA 25, as adopted in Rule Chapter 69A-3, F.A.C., that outlines all points of the inspection, test, and maintenance as required by the applicable NFPA standards. A copy of the inspection report shall be provided to the owner at the completion of each inspection performed.

(8) The inspection report shall include a detailed explanation of every deficiency, and indicate if the inspection is a weekly,

monthly, quarterly or annual inspection. The inspection report shall include the name of the permitted Water-Based Fire Protection Inspector, the inspector permit number, the inspector's signature, the date and time of the inspection, and the signature of the owner or the owner's representative.

(9) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 633.082, F.S., it is the owner's responsibility to maintain the fire protection system. Affixing an inspection tag as required herein does not invalidate responsibility nor shall a transfer of risk be construed.

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