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SUBJECT: Automatic Extinguishing Systems in Hood Systems
SCHOOLS - REVISED 7/12/90:

STATING IN 1989 SCHOOLS WILL BE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO SEND IN FIRE DRILL REPORTS, BUT WILL HAVE TO MAINTAIN A FILE FOR THE INSPECTOR TO CHECK DURING HIS ANNUAL INSPECTION VISIT.

NFPA 96 and NFPA 17 regulates the requirements on automatic extinguishing systems in commercial cooking hood systems. NFPA 17-2.11.3 requires automatic extinguishing systems to be serviced semiannually, however, this office permits annual servicing of these systems in schools for the following reasons:

- 1) Schools usually only prepare one meal a day, sometimes two
- 2) Cooking foods which produce grease laden vapors is limited, and
- 3) Schools prepare meals only five days per week for only a nine month period, excluding holidays.

It is the opinion of this office that annual servicing of the automatic extinguishing systems in hoods systems of school cafeterias is sufficient to assure proper operation. Servicing of these systems is required prior to the opening of each school season. Should this office determine through an inspection that a particular school does not fall within the typical operating procedures listed above, this office shall require semiannual servicing of the automatic extinguishing equipment.

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Subject: Hood / Suppression systems

As noted in the attached document dated May 1, 1990 it is the opinion of this office that **annual** servicing of automatic extinguishing systems in school cafeterias is *adequate* to ensure proper operation for the following reasons;

1. Schools usually prepare one meal a day, sometimes two
2. Cooking foods which produce grease laden vapors is limited, and
3. Schools prepare meals only five days per week for only a nine-month period, excluding holidays.

Therefore, do not cite for a semi-annual inspection to be conducted on hood / suppression system unless, a particular school does not fall within the typical operating procedures listed above.

Any questions regarding this please contact me asap.

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