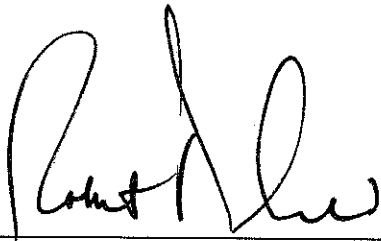


NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings by Section 643 of the New York City Charter and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, that the Department of Buildings hereby adopts the addition of section 3616-03 to Title 1 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York, regarding NFPA 14 amendment.

This rule was first published on February 2, 2010 and a public hearing thereon was held on March 10, 2010.

Dated: 3/12/2010
New York, New York



Robert D. LiMandri
Commissioner

Section 1. Subchapter Q of chapter 3600 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new section 3616-03, to read as follows:

§3616-03 National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”) 14 amendment Relating to Hydrostatic Tests.

Pursuant to Section 28-103.19 of the New York City Administrative Code, NFPA 14, as modified by Section BC Q105 of the New York City Building Code, is hereby amended by adding a new section 11.4.1 to read as follows:

11.4.1* Delete and replace with the following:

General. All new systems, including yard piping and fire department connections, shall be tested hydrostatically at not less than 20.7 bar (300 psi) of pressure for one (1) hour. For systems where the maximum system pressure exceeds 17.2 bar (250 psi), such systems shall be tested for one (1) hour at a minimum pressure of 3.5 bar (50 psi) above the maximum expected system pressure.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

This rule is promulgated pursuant to the authority of the Commissioner of Buildings under Sections 643 and 1043 of the New York City Charter.

The rule amends the referenced standard NFPA 14, as identified in Chapter 35 of the Building Code and amended in Appendix Q of the Building Code. This rule promotes public safety with respect to fire protection systems by providing minimum standards for the proper testing of standpipe system components within buildings and benefits the public by requiring proven safety practices.

This rule specifically amends NFPA 14 to require a more stringent performance test than that required by the nationally recognized standard, as required by Local Law 63 of 2009.

Note that an asterisk (*) found within the foregoing rule, following the number or letter designating a paragraph, indicates that explanatory material on the paragraph can be found in Annex A of NFPA 14.