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Section 423.5.16

Question:

Is it the intent of section 423.5.16 Separate Buildings to require many smaller buildings under one roof and not separated by 60 feet or rated walls to be sprinkled as if one building.

Answer

Since the buildings are being considered one building per 503.1.2, yes, if the total fire area exceeds those permitted in Chapter 9 for the occupancy.

Commentary:

None.

Notice:

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