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Question:

Is it the intent of the code that attics in three-story tunnel form construction (type V-A) apartment buildings be sprinklered?

Answer

The question does not mention whether it is an NFPA-13 or 13R system. However, under the FBC, fire sprinkler protection of the attic (concealed combustible space) would only be required if the fire sprinkler system is being installed in accordance with NFPA 13 and the exceptions applicable to eliminating fire sprinklers in a concealed combustible spaces, contained in NFPA 13, have not been met. An NFPA 13R system would not require protection of the attic (concealed combustible space.)

Commentary:

As a note, this is an interpretation by the Fire Marshal so it is assumed that the Fire Marshall is commenting based on the FFPC and not the FBC. This committee can only interpret the FBC. However, please note that there is nothing in the FFPC that would require this type of protection if the fire sprinkler system is not required to be an NFPA 13 system.

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