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Question:

1. Is it the intent that in the Exception to sub-paragraph 2 that the term &#65533;floor areas adjacent to a horizontal exit&#65533; refer to the areas on the side of the horizontal exit where all spaces can be reached with a 100&#65533; hose and 30&#65533; hose stream from an exit stairway hose connection. 2. Is it the intent that the Exception apply if all spaces in a floor area can be reached by a hose connection adjacent to the other side of the of a horizontal exit? 3. Is it the intent that the distance between the exit stairway hose connection and the stairway door be subtracted from the 100&#65533; of hose allowed in the Exception?

Answer

[1] No. The provision applies solely to floor areas adjacent to the horizontal exit. I don't really understand what the term "all" in the question means. Adjacent is defined as "lying near, close, or contiguous; adjoining; neighboring". A space on the same floor as the horizontal exit may not be adjacent to the horizontal exit. [2] No. See answer to one. We are not talking about all areas on the floor, but floor areas adjacent to the horizontal exit. [3] No. You have 100 feet of hose from the connection and the 30 feet allowed for the hose stream to contend with. Item 1 of the Section requires the hose connection to be located at an intermediate floor level landing between floors.

Commentary:

NOTE: additional hose connections may be required under the provisions of sub paragraph 6 of the Section.

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