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Section 905.4

Question:

1. Is it the intent that in the Exception to sub-paragraph 2 that the term "floor areas adjacent to a horizontal exit" refer to the areas on the side of the horizontal exit where all spaces can be reached with a 100' hose and 30' 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' 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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