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Section 403.4.7.1

Question:

Is it the intent of FBC 2010-Section 403.4.7.1 to require a Level 1 emergency generator to be enclosed in a 2 hour fire rated room, even if the generator is installed on the last tier (open to the sky) of either an open or enclosed parking garage?

Answer

Yes, provided the standby system is powered by a generator that is set INSIDE a building to be enclosed by 2-hour vertical and horizontal fire barriers. If considered a roof top mount, it would not be inside a building. However, the enclosure required by NFPA 110 and the equipment installation may trigger requirements from Section 1509.

Commentary:

None.

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