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Section 680.51(A)

Question:

Is it the intent of: 680.51 (A) to require 12 Volt transformers for a fountain (NO COMMON WATER WITH A POOL) lights to comply with 680.23 (A) (2) or is this section only requiring the transformers to be GFCI protected?

Answer

No

Commentary:

This article does not require the installation described to comply with 680.23 (A)(2), This article provides the installer a choice based on the equipment they are installing. It says: (1) the equipment is required to be protected by ground fault circuit interrupter or, (2) the equipment is listed for operation at 15 volts or less and is supplied by a transformer that complies with article 680.23(A)(2)

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