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Section 513.3

Question:

Does the local AHJ such as the Chief Mechanical Inspector have the authority to require "cold smoke" , such as smoke bombs, to use in testing of Smoke Control Systems, such as Pressurization method, Airflow design method and Exhaust method?

Answer

No.

Commentary:

The use of smoke bombs can't be forced. What can be enforced is the need to submit a test plan and to have the AHJ approve the test plan. The test plan may or may not include the use of smoke bombs, at the engineer of record's option.

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