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Section 1006.2.3.2

Question:

Is it the intent of of this section to require that all exit lighting fixtures connected to a legally required standby generator (operating and on line within 10 sec) be provided with battery backup if both the exit sign fixtures and egress lights are on the same circuit.

Answer

No. NEC 700.12 lists multiple sources of power as being legitimate for use in this situation. The only qualification being that the time required for activation is 10 seconds or less. There is nothing in NEC 700 that prohibits the use of circuit breakers in an emergency system.

Commentary:

None

Notice:

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