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Section 1012.2.1 and 1012.2.2

Question:

Is it the intent of these sections to only allow the provisions for the fire sprinkler system and fire alarm system in portions of the building where the work area is involved?

Answer

Yes.

Commentary:

The FBC Existing is specific in noting that the systems are to be installed "throughout the area where the change of occupancy occurs." The reference to FBC, Building is meant to reference the types and requirements for the systems to be installed, not the locations.

With that being said, do not forget to refer to section 1012.1 which may have other implications. This section refers to Chapter 9 of the FBC - Existing Buildings volume, not the Building volume. Section 1012.1.1 refers to whether or not a separation exists between the existing portions of the building and the changed occupancy section. All of the sections need to be applied, not just a specific one.

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