DIVISION 21 – FIRE SUPPRESSION

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A. Codes and Standards: This standard includes requirements for the installation of fire protection systems including; materials, fittings and valves with the intent of providing a high level of fire safety at Colorado State University. It is not to be used as a guide specification.

1. Each item of equipment shall be new and listed by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and approved by FM Global. Each major item of equipment shall bear the manufacturer’s name or trademark, serial number and UL or FM label. All materials and performance shall meet the appropriate ANSI, ASME and ASTM Codes.

2. The complete installation shall conform to the most recent applicable codes but not limited to:
   d. NFPA 14 - Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems.
   e. NFPA 24 - Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and their Appurtenances.
   h. NFPA 72 - National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code.

3. Provide all design, materials and installation required for a complete fire suppression system to protect the specified building in accordance with design requirements. The University prefers to connect to the City of Fort Collins, to provide code-compliant combination wet automatic fire sprinklers and, where possible, automatic standpipe systems that do not contain alarm valves and without requiring a building fire pump.

4. The complete installation shall conform to CSU design and technical standards.

5. The complete installation shall conform to the manufacture recommendations.

6. The complete installation shall conform to shop drawings approved by CSU.

B. Quality Assurance:

1. Manufacturer’s Qualifications: Firm regularly engages in the manufacture of fire suppression systems of types, sizes, and characteristics compatible with the current campus systems, and whose products have been in satisfactory use in similar service for not less than 5 years.

2. Installers Qualifications: System design and installation shall be supervised by a NICET Level III sprinkler system technician or fire protection engineer with not less than five (5) years of experience with sprinkler systems. All field installation work shall be continuously supervised by at least a NICET Level II in Water-Base Systems Layout.

3. System Authority: The contractor is responsible for receiving written acceptance for both plan review and final acceptance by the following departments:
a. CSU Facilities Management – Fire Systems Group is responsible for the operation, service and maintenance of all fire suppression systems on the CSU campus and will be referred to as CSU Fire Systems throughout this document. (Email address firesprinklers@colostate.edu)

b. Poudre Fire Authority (PFA), whose review and approval is required for all fire safety systems, will be referred to as Fire Department or PFA throughout this document.


5. Meetings:
   a. Technical code and design review meetings shall be required with CSU Fire Systems for project coordination and at 50% design, and any other meeting the CSU Project Manager feels would benefit the project.
   b. CSU Fire Systems shall be involved in any project meetings that involve PFA.

C. Products:

1. Aboveground Pipe:
   a. All wet sprinkler system piping shall be a minimum of schedule 40 or equivalent black steel with threaded fittings for up to 2 inch piping, and black schedule 10 steel with grooved fittings for sizes 1 ¼ inch pipe and larger, unless otherwise required by FM or Fire Protection Engineer.
   b. All dry and preaction system piping and fittings shall be externally and internally galvanized.
   c. CPVC piping shall not be used.

2. Underground Pipe:
   a. Each underground pipe joint or connection shall include a compression-type joint restraint device (Mega Lug or equal). Any changes in direction of underground piping shall be provided with a thrust block or joint restraint as required per NFPA 13 and NFPA 24. Changes in direction where entering buildings shall be provided with both thrust blocks and joint restraint.
   b. Underground pipe shall be installed by either a fire sprinkler contractor or an underground contractor licensed by the State of Colorado to install underground fire service mains.
   c. All underground pipe connecting sprinkler and standpipe systems to the City of Fort Collins. Pipe shall be hydrostatically tested for 2 hours at 200 psi, including fire department connections per NFPA 24.

3. Mechanical Grooved Couplings:
   a. When grooved couplings are used, rolled-grooved joints are required with fittings and couplings designed for a working pressure of 300 psi. Malleable iron housing clamps: ASTM A47; UL labeled; engage and lock, designed to permit some angular deflection, contraction, and expansion (Firelock fittings acceptable).
   b. Galvanized couplings are required for galvanized pipe.
   d. Steel bolts, nuts and washers: ASTM A183 heat treated with a minimum tensile strength of 110,000 psi.
e. Victaulic grooved couplings Style 009 are not permitted.

4. Valves:
   a. Unless specified otherwise, all valves shall be UL listed and/or FM approved and be suitable for the maximum anticipated system pressure or a minimum of 175 psi working pressure, whichever is greater.
   b. All valves in the sprinkler system shall be UL listed and/or FM approved butterfly type indicating valves except for the following, which shall be OS&Y:
      1. All indicating valves on the suction side of a fire pump.
      2. Where indicated on the contract drawings.
      3. Backflow device can have either OS&Y or butterfly valves.
   c. All butterfly valves shall have a built in tamper resistant switch for supervision of the open position.
      1. The switch shall be contained within a NEMA Type 1, general purpose indoor rated housing. Either unauthorized removal of the switch housing (when the valve is open) or closing the valve, shall cause the switch contacts to change position.
      2. The switch shall have four conductors to accommodate connections to Style 4 or Style 6 signaling line circuit devices.
      3. Victaulic butterfly valves are acceptable if manufactured in the year 2010 or later.
   d. Where OS&Y indicating valves are installed, the following shall apply:
      1. Valves 2-1/2 inches and larger shall be iron body with brass seats, discs, and stems. Include tamper switches listed for use with OS&Y valves.
   e. Check valves shall comply with the following:
      1. Check valves 2-1/2 inches and larger shall be iron body swing check with cast brass hinge, rod, and brass faced discs.
      2. Check valves 2 inches and smaller shall be UL listed brass body and all brass fitted.
   f. Ball valves shall be constructed of forged brass with Teflon seats and shall be provided with a vinyl-covered handle.
   g. Post Indicator Valve:
      1. Gate valve on incoming water service shall be operable by a UL listed post indicator valve with tamper switch monitored by the associated building fire alarm panel.

5. Piping Accessories:
   a. All hanger components other than All-Thread shall be UL listed and/or FM approved. Sprinkler piping shall never be supported from any mechanical or electrical devices and/or equipment (ducts, lights, etc.). Hanger assemblies installed outside, or otherwise exposed to weather, shall be externally galvanized.
   b. Sleeves for underground pipe shall have mechanical rubber seals and be watertight.
   c. Floor, wall and ceiling plates shall be pressed steel or cast iron split plates, chromium plated.
d. Pressure gauges shall be UL listed or FM approved for fire service.

D. Installation Details:

1. New Construction: automatic sprinkler protection shall be provided throughout as follows:
   a. Office, classroom, lab, kitchen, apartments, residence halls, meeting rooms, attic space and other
      concealed spaces:
      1. Ceilings to 30 feet can be protected with wet or dry sprinkler systems designed to provide 0.10 gpm / sq. ft.
         over the most remote 1500 sq. ft. using sprinkler heads with a minimum K-factor of 5.6. Design shall include
         a 250 gallon hose stream allowance.
      2. Ceilings 30 ft. to 60 ft. can be protected with wet sprinkler systems designed to provide 0.20 gpm / sq. ft.
         over the most remote 2500 sq. ft. using sprinkler heads with a minimum K factor of 11.2. Design shall include a
         250 gallon hose stream allowance.
      3. Ceilings 30 ft. to 60 ft. can be protected with dry sprinkler systems designed to provide 0.20 gpm / sq. ft.
         over the most remote 3500 sq. ft. using sprinkler heads with a minimum K factor of 11.2. Design shall include a
         250 gallon hose stream allowance.
      4. Ceilings 60 ft. to 100 ft. can be protected with wet sprinkler systems using K-25.2 pendant quick
         response automatic sprinklers on a system designed to provide 12 sprinklers at 7 psi. K25.2EC sprinkler
         heads can be used and the design reduced to 6 sprinklers at 7 psi. Design shall include a
         500 gallon hose stream allowance.
   b. Atriums, auto parking garages, theaters and auditoriums (including backstage), utility rooms, boiler
      rooms, mechanical rooms, gymnasiums and retail areas:
      1. Ceilings to 30 feet can be protected with wet sprinkler systems designed to provide 0.20 gpm / sq. ft.
         over the most remote 2500 sq. ft. using sprinkler heads with a minimum K-factor of 8.0. Design shall include
         a 250 gallon hose stream allowance.
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         over the most remote 3500 sq. ft. using sprinkler heads with a minimum K factor of 8.0. Design shall include a
         250 gallon hose stream allowance.
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         response automatic sprinklers on a system designed to provide 12 sprinklers at 7 psi. K25.2EC sprinkler
         heads can be used and the design reduced to 6 sprinklers at 7 psi. Design shall include a
         500 gallon hose stream allowance.
   c. All storage areas shall be provided with automatic sprinkler protection. The protection design shall be
      determined at the time of construction and will be based on commodity type, storage configuration, storage
      height and building height.

2. General Details:
   a. Provide a minimum 10 psi or 10% safety factor, whichever is greater.
b. Provide a complete automatic sprinkler system as defined by the latest edition of NFPA 13.

c. All fire sprinkler systems installed on campus shall be wet pipe systems unless the area being protected cannot be maintained above 40 degrees F, as required per NFPA 13. Such areas will require installation of a dry pipe system. Antifreeze systems will be permitted only on approval of the CSU Fire Systems and PFA.

d. Areas where it is not desirable to have water-filled piping within the room (special collections, computer rooms, etc.) may use double interlock preaction systems. Preaction systems must be approved by CSU Fire Systems prior to system design.

3. Aboveground Pipe:

   a. Piping shall be concealed above suspended ceilings where installed, in a craftsman-like manner, and shall not interfere in the complete function of other systems such as cable trays, access panels, or pedestrian passageways.

      1. Piping in all occupied areas and mechanical area passageways shall not be lower than 7'-6". Specific written approval may be granted for unavoidable projections, but under no circumstance shall overhead piping be installed lower than 6'-8" above the floor.

      2. Piping shall not reduce the required width of any means of egress. The width of stairs or clear width of a corridor or passageway shall not be less than 44 inches.

      3. Installation of all piping shall be in coordination with piping, ducts, light fixtures and any other work that may obstruct sprinklers. The contractor shall coordinate with all trades having materials installed above the ceiling prior to commencement of any work.

   b. Piping that is retrofit into an existing building with suspended ceilings shall be installed above the existing ceiling, unless exposed piping is approved by the CSU Project Manager.

   c. All exposed sprinkler and standpipe system pipe located in areas without suspended ceilings shall be painted. Prepare and prime galvanized pipe as necessary prior to painting pipe. Coordinate color of pipe with the CSU Project Manager.

4. Underground Pipe:

   a. No underground pipe shall be covered until a joint inspection has been completed and documented by CSU Fire Systems.

   b. The Contractor is responsible for assuring all inspections are recorded on the project Building Inspection Record at the time of inspection. This applies both to successful and failed inspections.

5. Valves:

   a. All valves controlling water supply for sprinklers shall be readily accessible for use by emergency and maintenance personnel.

   b. Except for underground water supply valves located in roadway boxes, all valves controlling water supply to sprinklers shall be supervised by the fire alarm system.

   c. A control valve shall be installed at the base of each riser, no higher than 7 feet.

   d. System shall be zoned according to location and each zone shall be annunciated at the building fire annunciator and installed to NFPA regulations. Separate zones shall be provided for each flow switch and tamper switches.
6. Drains and Test Piping:
   a. All portions of the system shall be equipped with drains of the size specified in NFPA 13. The sprinkler system shall be designed to drain to the riser. All drains, including auxiliary drains, shall be piped to the sanitary sewer system designed to handle full flow from the drain and not to exterior of building and shall be labeled.
   b. Every water flow switch shall have an inspector's test connection located at the riser and piped to the sanitary sewer system designed to handle full flow from the drain.

7. Express Drains:
   a. A remote express drain line is required for all buildings with floor control assemblies in addition to the main / inspectors test drain. This drain line shall be installed in the remote stairwell from the supply standpipe. The drain line shall be piped to a sanitary sewer.

8. Backflow Preventer:
   a. A double check backflow prevention assembly shall be installed prior to any sprinkler or standpipe system connected to the City of Fort Collins water distribution system, including connection of pressure maintenance pumps to the building's domestic water line used to fill sprinkler system piping. Reduced pressure backflow required on High Hazard Systems.

9. Dry Pipe System:
   a. Dry Pipe systems shall only be installed where the area being protected cannot be maintained above 40 degrees F, as required per NFPA 13
   b. In areas subject to freezing that cannot be protected by dry type sprinklers on a wet sprinkler system, a dry pipe system shall be installed.
   c. Pitch dry pipe system piping a minimum of ¼ inch per 10 feet for dry system mains and minimum of ½ inch per 10 feet for dry system branch lines.
   d. Provide full length dry pendent sprinklers that connect directly to the dry system branch line with “goose neck” riser into tee fittings “on the run” in areas with suspended ceilings. Do not install dry pendent sprinklers on drops.
   e. Provide a tank mounted air compressor listed for fire protection use and sized to refill the entire dry pipe system within 30 minutes as required per NFPA 13.
   f. All dry pipe valves must be externally resettable.
   g. Install permanent, typed, local labels at devices showing “HIGH AIR” setting, “LOW AIR” setting, “COMPRESSOR ON” setting, “COMPRESSOR OFF” setting, and “TRIP PRESSURE” setting.

10. Pre-Action Sprinkler System:
    a. Provide a double interlock preaction system where the University prefers to eliminate water filled piping within the room, such as special collections, computer rooms, etc.
    b. Pitch preaction system piping a minimum of ¼ inch per 10 feet for preaction system mains and minimum of ½ inch per 10 feet for preaction system branch lines.
c. Provide full length dry pendent sprinklers that connect directly to the preaction system branch line with "goose neck" riser into tee fittings "on the run" in areas with suspended ceilings. Do not install dry pendent sprinklers on drops.

d. Provide a tank mounted air compressor listed for fire protection use and sized to refill the entire preaction system within 30 minutes as required per NFPA 13.

e. Requirements for detection, preaction system releasing, preaction system monitoring, and the preaction release control panel are noted in the CSU Standards for Fire Alarms.

f. All Preaction valves must be externally resettable.

g. Install permanent, typed, local labels at devices showing "HIGH AIR" setting, "LOW AIR" setting, "COMPRESSOR ON" setting, "COMPRESSOR OFF" setting, and "TRIP PRESSURE" setting.

11. Sprinklers:

a. Sprinklers shall be UL listed or FM approved and shall not include O-ring seals. Any sprinkler that incurs damage, is painted, or is sprayed with any obstructive material during construction shall be replaced at no cost to the University. Installation of sprinklers shall be coordinated with other work, including duct and electric fixture installation, to prevent sprinkler obstructions.

b. Sprinklers located less than eight feet above finished floor or that may be subject to mechanical damage shall be provided with guards listed for use with the model of sprinkler installed.

c. Quick-response sprinklers are required throughout all light-hazard occupancies, and may also be installed in ordinary-hazard occupancies for the quick response hydraulic design area reduction per NFPA 13 for utilizing quick response sprinklers. Extended coverage sprinklers may be used if proven in the hydraulic calculations.

d. Unless specific aesthetic appearance is required for the project, white or chrome recessed pendent sprinklers with matching escutcheons shall be provided in areas with suspended ceilings, and brass upright sprinklers shall be provided in areas without suspended ceilings. Verify with the CSU Project Manager prior to specifying sprinkler type and finish.

e. Sprinklers shall be centered in two directions (quarter point or center point) in the ceiling tile. Pendent sprinklers required to be placed in the center of ceiling tiles shall be supplied from a return bend that connects to an outlet at the top of the fire sprinkler branch line piping. Other methods must be approved by CSU in writing.

12. Identification/Labeling:

a. Identification signs shall be porcelain enameled 18 gauge and shall be affixed securely by chain to all valves. The signs shall be red and white in color.

b. Provide an approved laminated valve chart in frame and Plexiglas cover showing location and use of each valve, including drain valves. The chart shall be secured in a visible location acceptable to the University.

c. The main drain sign shall be labeled "MAIN DRAIN". Riser drains shall be labeled "RISER DRAIN" or "DRAIN".

d. Auxiliary drain signs shall be labeled "AUXILIARY DRAIN".

e. Inspector's test connection signs shall be labeled "INSPECTOR'S TEST".
f. All water supply control valves shall have a standard sign identifying the portion of the system controlled, noting that the valve shall be kept open, and leaving a blank space for notification information.

g. All isolation valves shall be marked on identification tag whether valve is to be “normally open” (NO) or “normally closed” (NC).

h. All concealed pipe and exposed pipe that is not painted red shall be marked “Fire Protection”. Pipe markers shall be wrap-around type with white letters having a minimum of height of one inch (1”). All pipe markers must be visible from the floor. Spacing and location shall be:

1. Above Ceiling, Corridors: Every 20’ for mains. One (1) on each branch line.

2. Above Ceilings, Rooms: One (1) in every room on each branch line. Every 20’ for mains (at least one (1) in each room).

3. Exposed Areas, Non-painted Pipe: Every 20’ for mains and branch lines (at least one (1) on each branch line) and in each room.

4. Exposed Areas, Painted Pipe: Pipe markers not required if pipe is painted red. For any other color, comply with requirements above.

E. Plan Review and Submittals:

1. Prior to preparing shop drawings and hydraulic calculations, the design engineer shall verify the adequacy of the water pressure and other pertinent water supply data from either the CSU Water Department or the City of Fort Collins water distribution system, depending on which system will be used to supply the new sprinkler and/or standpipe system. Hydrant flow tests performed on the University distribution system shall incorporate erosion control requirements in compliance with the regulations and permits administered by Facilities Management Environmental Engineering. The design engineer shall immediately notify CSU Fire Systems. Project Manager and CSU Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) of the need for testing the appropriate water supply. The engineer shall provide the record data at the point of the new utility connection as follows:

   a. Building Name and flange elevation (ft).

   b. Test hydrants (hydrant numbers and location) and hydrant elevations (ft).

   c. Flow rate (gpm), static pressure (psi), and residual pressure (psi).

   d. All turning of valves and operation of hydrants to be performed by CSU Facilities. Actual test to be performed by Contractor or Engineer utilizing their own equipment.

   e. Prior to flowing water on campus, the Project Manager shall submit a request for approval to EHS and Facilities Management Environmental Engineering.

2. A plan review shall be completed by PFA and CSU Fire Systems for each phase of the fire alarm and fire suppression design. Fire Suppression drawings shall be separate from other building drawings. See Division 01- General Requirements regarding responsibility for review fees.

3. Paper drawings and electronic AutoCAD files must be submitted to CSU Fire Systems within thirty (30) days after the award of a contract. Drawings and electronic files shall be received by the CSU project manager and distributed to the following:

   a. CSU Fire Systems (1 paper set and electronic file). Electronic AutoCAD files emailed to firesprinklers@colostate.edu
b. CSU Design and Construction (1 paper set and electronic file).

c. PFA (current requirement as distributed by contractor).

4. Shop Drawings shall be prepared in accordance with NFPA 13, NFPA 14, NFPA 20, and NFPA 24 for approval of all equipment to be constructed and installed.

a. Shop drawings shall identify all materials and list all equipment to be used.

b. Shop drawings shall include ceiling grid or reflected ceiling layout and shall be coordinated with other trades prior to submittal.

c. Hydraulic calculations for standpipe systems shall comply with NFPA 13 and shall include comprehensive hydraulic data sheets. Provide a 10 psi or 10% safety factor, whichever is greater, for all standpipe system hydraulic calculations.

d. Where required per NFPA 14, provide hydraulic calculations for automatic standpipes to provide 100 psi when flowing, with 500 gpm at the most remote standpipe outlet and 250 gpm at each additional standpipe. Provide hydraulic calculations for manual standpipes to demonstrate the pressure available at the top of each standpipe while flowing, and the demand required per NFPA 14 using both the available water supply and the nominal Poudre Fire Authority fire truck pumper through the fire department connection.

5. Manufacturer’s data sheets shall be provided for all materials and equipment for approval before purchase or installation. Data sheets shall describe the type of material, capacities, manufacturer, and part numbers of equipment and give sufficient information for equipment verification and approval.

6. No work shall be performed until the University has approved the shop drawings, calculations, and data sheets. The contractor is solely liable for any work performed prior to this approval.

7. Updated paper drawings and AutoCAD files shall be received no later than five (5) days prior to the CSU test and verification and distributed to CSU Fire Systems. Two (2) sets of as-built drawings shall be received by the CSU project manager during the same time frame, which will be distributed to the following:

a. CSU Fire Systems (1 paper set and electronic file). Electronic AutoCAD files shall be emailed to firesprinklers@colostate.edu

b. PFA (1 set) - This set will remain on-site to be used during final inspection.

F. System Testing and Acceptance: Three different system tests will be completed on any and all fire alarm systems.

1. Preliminary testing: A preliminary test shall be completed by the installers to ensure proper operation of the fire suppression system values and switches without the assistance of CSU or PFA.

2. CSU Test and Verification: This 100% system test, which entails testing and verifying every input and output, will be completed by CSU Fire Systems in the presence of the installation contractors per NFPA 72 testing procedures.

   a. Prior to scheduling this test the preliminary testing shall be completed.

   b. Prior to scheduling this test as-built drawings, updated CAD files and O&M manuals shall be received by necessary parties.

   c. The contractor shall submit a written request for this inspection to the CSU Project Manager and Facilities Dispatch at least five (5) business days in advance. The Project Manager shall coordinate and schedule the inspection with CSU Fire Systems and the building proctor.
d. The Contractor shall have all subcontractors scheduled to be in attendance on the day of inspection that will be needed in order to complete a 100% system test.

e. The contractor shall furnish all test equipment necessary to complete the testing.

3. PFA Test and Verification:

a. Prior to scheduling the Final Acceptance Test the CSU Test and Verification shall be completed.

b. The contractor shall furnish all test equipment necessary to complete the testing.

G. Warranty and Training:

1. The contractor shall guarantee all workmanship and material free from inherent mechanical, defects for a period of 1 year from the date of acceptance as set forth in the general conditions.

2. The contractor shall guarantee an on-site response, if requested by CSU Fire Systems, for all warranty related issues of no longer than 24 hours. Work to correct the warranty issue shall begin no later than 48 hours starting from the initial on-site response, unless approved in writing by CSU Fire Systems.

3. Any part of the warranty shall not be made void due to any required inspection or operation of the system performed by CSU Fire Systems during the warranty period.

4. Failure to comply with all contractual obligations resulting in costs incurred by the University shall result in those costs being transferred to the appropriate contractor for payment.

5. Contractor shall be financially responsible for all fees incurred to the university and all lost research due to false alarms or water leaks as a result of construction or contractor error for the duration of the warranty.

6. Contractor shall provide services to instruct Owner's personnel in operation and maintenance of system for a minimum of two 4 hour sessions.

H. Existing Buildings:

1. Any remodel requiring the addition of 20 or more heads must be re-calculated.

2. Building Upgrades: All buildings involved in a major remodel shall be upgraded to meet all the current standards set forth within this document, the extent of which shall be reviewed and approved by CSU Fire Systems.

3. New Additions:
   a. All new additions shall be constructed to meet all the current standards set forth within this document.
   b. All major additions shall have the entire building upgraded to meet all the current standards set forth within this document subject to the review and approval of CSU Fire Systems.