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Origin and Development of NFPA 82

This standard was first adopted by the NFPA in 1948 on recommendation of the Committee on Field Practice. In 1953, a completely revised edition of the text on incinerators was prepared by a representative subcommittee and adopted by the NFPA on recommendation of the Committee on Building Construction. Responsibility for the subject of incinerators was turned over to the Committee on Chimneys and Heating Equipment in 1956. Revised editions were adopted in 1955, 1958, 1960, 1969, 1970, 1971, and 1972. The original 1948 text covered both rubbish handling and incinerators; the 1953, 1955, 1958, and 1960 revisions covered only incinerators. In the 1960 edition, incinerators and rubbish handling were covered by separate standards, NFPA 82, *Standard on Incinerators*, and NFPA 82A, *Standard for Rubbish Handling*, respectively, with NFPA 82A remaining unchanged from the 1948 edition. In the 1969 edition, the subject of rubbish handling was included with incinerators, and NFPA 82A was discontinued as a separate standard. The 1977 edition was expanded to include linen handling systems, and the 1983 edition represented a partial revision, which was mainly editorial.

The 1990 edition contained minor revisions to Chapters 1 and 2, including a minor change to the Scope section. Chapters 3 and 4 were completely revised, and a new Appendix A was added to provide technical information to facilitate the selection of chimney materials for handling saturated and corrosive gases. The entire section on domestic incinerators was deleted from the 1990 edition.

For the 1994 edition, Chapters 3 and 4 were combined into one chapter (new Chapter 3). Limited-combustible construction was recognized by a new definition and by a new exception that allowed limited-combustible construction for a gravity chute enclosure where a building is protected throughout by a supervised automatic sprinkler system. Also, new Chapters 4 and 7 were added to address waste handling systems other than chute systems and waste processing equipment other than compactors.

The 1999 edition clarified that NFPA 82 does not apply to one- and two-family residential structures. Chapter 3 was modified to allow for a maximum 45 degree chute offset above the top-loading door. Additionally, Chapter 3 was modified to reduce the minimum linen chute size to 20 in. and to reduce the termination height of chute venting to 3 ft above the roof of the building. Chapter 5 was also modified to delete the requirements associated with domestic compactors.

The 2004 edition has been revised and restructured to meet the NFPA *Manual of Style*. Technical changes include clarification of the difference between discharge doors serving waste chutes and those serving linen chutes and clarification of the dimensional requirements for service opening rooms.

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Information on referenced publications can be found in Chapter 2 and Annex B.

Chapter 1 Administration**1.1 Scope.**

1.1.1 This standard covers requirements for the installation and use of waste storage rooms, containers, handling systems, incinerators, compactors, and linen and laundry handling systems.

1.1.2 This standard does not include design criteria for the purpose of reducing air pollution. For such criteria, consult the authorities having jurisdiction.

1.1.3 The requirements in this standard shall not apply to one- or two-family residential structures.

1.2 Purpose. (Reserved)

1.3* Application. This standard shall be applied to new construction and new equipment, as determined by the authority having jurisdiction.

1.4 Retroactivity. This standard shall not require the alteration or replacement of existing construction or equipment currently in use, provided that the owner establishes appropriate administrative, maintenance, and training programs that provide equivalent safety.

1.5 Equivalency. Nothing in this standard is intended to prevent the use of new methods or devices of equivalent or superior quality, strength, fire resistance, effectiveness, durability, and safety over those prescribed by this standard.

1.5.1 Technical documentation shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction to demonstrate equivalency.

1.5.2 The system, method, or device shall be approved for the intended purpose by the authority having jurisdiction.

Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

2.1 General. The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.

2.2 NFPA Publications. National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, 2002 edition.

NFPA 31, *Standard for the Installation of Oil-Burning Equipment*, 2001 edition.

NFPA 54, *National Fuel Gas Code*, 2002 edition.

NFPA 58, *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code*, 2004 edition.

NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*®, 2002 edition.

NFPA 90A, *Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems*, 2002 edition.

NFPA 211, *Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances*, 2003 edition.

NFPA 259, *Standard Test Method for Potential Heat of Building Materials*, 2003 edition.

NFPA 5000™, *Building Construction and Safety Code*™, 2003 edition.

2.3 Other Publications.

2.3.1 ASTM Publications. American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM C 27, *Standard Classification for Fireclay and High-Alumina Refractory Brick*, 1993.

ASTM C 199, *Standard Test Method for Pier Test for Refractory Mortars*, 1994.

2.3.2 ASHRAE Publication. American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc., 1791 Tullie Circle, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30329.

ASHRAE Handbook, *HVAC Systems and Equipment*, 2000.

Chapter 3 Definitions

3.1* General. The definitions contained in this chapter shall apply to the terms used in this standard. Where terms are not included, common usage of the terms shall apply.

3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

3.2.1* Approved. Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3.2.2* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

3.2.3 Labeled. Equipment or materials to which has been attached a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation, that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled equipment or materials, and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner.

3.2.4* Listed. Equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that either the equipment, material, or service meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

3.2.5 Shall. Indicates a mandatory requirement.

3.2.6 Standard. A document, the main text of which contains only mandatory provisions using the word “shall” to indicate requirements and which is in a form generally suitable for mandatory reference by another standard or code or for adoption into law. Nonmandatory provisions shall be located in an appendix or annex, footnote, or fine-print note and are not to be considered a part of the requirements of a standard.

3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1 Combustible. Capable of undergoing combustion.

3.3.2* Gravity Waste or Linen Chutes. An enclosed vertical passageway (riser) in a building, used for transferring trash or linen by gravity to a room at the bottom or to an interface to a compactor.

3.3.3* Incinerator. Equipment predominantly designed for burning solid waste.

3.3.4* Limited Combustible. A building construction material not complying with the definition of noncombustible material that, in the form in which it is used, has a potential heat value not exceeding 3500 Btu/lb (8141 kJ/kg), where tested in accordance with NFPA 259, *Standard Test Method for Potential Heat of Building Materials*, and complies with (a) or (b): (a) materials having a structural base of noncombustible material, with a surfacing not exceeding a thickness of 1/8 in. (3.2 mm) that has a flame spread index not greater than 50; and (b) materials, in the form and thickness used, other than as described in (a), having neither a flame spread index greater than 25 nor evidence of continued progressive combustion and of such composition that surfaces that would be exposed by cutting through the material on any plane would have neither a flame spread index greater than 25 nor evidence of continued progressive combustion. (Materials subject to increase in combustibility or flame spread index beyond the limits herein established through the effects of age, moisture, or other atmospheric condition shall be considered combustible.) [33:3.3]

3.3.5 Noncombustible. Not capable of supporting combustion.

3.3.6 Waste Compactor. A device using electro-mechanical-hydraulic means to reduce the volume of waste and to package it in the reduced condition.

3.3.7 Waste or Linen Conveying Systems.

3.3.7.1 Full Pneumatic. A closed system consisting of loading stations with inner doors and a fire-rated, normally locked, outer (intake) door; normally closed air damper above the topmost loading station; transport piping, both

vertical and horizontal; waste or linen collector; fan with a fan damper; and a central process controller.

3.3.7.2 Gravity Pneumatic Transport System. A combination of a gravity chute and a horizontal pneumatic transport system. The gravity pneumatic system includes gravity chutes with a material discharge valve at the bottom, an air source at or near the bottom of the chute, air control dampers, horizontal piping with a pipe tee to connect to the chute, a collector, and a fan and fan damper.

3.3.8 Waste Processing Systems and Equipment. Devices and processes used to change the physical form or characteristics of waste.

Chapter 4 Incinerators

4.1 General.

4.1.1 Provision for Auxiliary Fuel.

4.1.1.1 Gas-burning installations shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of NFPA 54, *National Fuel Gas Code*, and NFPA 58, *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code*.

4.1.1.2 Oil-burning installations shall comply with NFPA 31, *Standard for the Installation of Oil-Burning Equipment*.

4.1.1.3 Fuel burners of all incinerators shall be equipped with safety controls that will automatically shut off the fuel supply to the burner in the event the burner fails to ignite or its flame becomes extinguished or in the event of insufficient draft.

4.1.2 Electrical Supply. The electrical supply to an incinerator shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*.

4.1.3 Air for Combustion and Ventilation.

4.1.3.1 Provision shall be made for an adequate supply of air for combustion and ventilation to enter the room in which an incinerator is located.

4.1.3.2 Fans shall be permitted to be installed to deliver air to the incinerator room, provided they are in operation whenever the incinerator is in use.

4.1.3.3 Rooms in which incinerators are installed shall be furnished air for combustion and ventilation by one of the following means:

- (1) A screened or louvered ventilator opening or other suitable air intake, which, if communicating to other parts of the building, shall be protected by an approved fire damper
- (2) A duct leading from the incinerator room to the outdoors
- (3) A duct leading to a boiler or furnace room cut off as prescribed in Section 4.3 and provided with sufficient air supply for both rooms

4.1.3.4 The opening or duct specified in 4.1.3.3 shall be sized so as to provide all air requirements, including those for waste combustion, auxiliary fuel combustion, room temperature control, and general area ventilation, where applicable.

4.1.3.5 Air ducts extending to or from an incinerator room through other parts of a building shall be constructed and installed in accordance with NFPA 90A, *Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems*.

4.1.4 Spark Arresters.

4.1.4.1 Where the nature of the waste being incinerated produces fly ash emissions, the incinerator stacks shall be protected by one of the following:

- (1) Spark arresters installed on incinerator stacks
- (2) A wet scrubber or other emission control system or component installed between the incinerator and the stack such that fly ash cannot pass directly from the incinerator to the stack
- (3) Approved design and control features that prevent the entrainment of fly ash from the incinerator to the stack under all operating conditions

4.1.4.2 The net free area of the arrester shall be not less than four times the net free area of the outlet of the chimney flue it serves.

4.1.4.3 Arresters shall have a vertical height of not less than 1.3 times the minimum diameter of the chimney flue or the minimum horizontal dimension of a rectangular chimney flue.

4.1.4.4 Arresters, including bolts, rivets, screws, and supporting members, shall be made of heat- and corrosion-resistant materials.

4.1.4.5 Openings shall not permit the passage of spheres having a diameter larger than 12.7 mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in.) or block the passage of spheres having a diameter of less than 9.5 mm ($\frac{3}{8}$ in.).

4.1.4.6 Means shall be provided for securely attaching the spark arresters to chimneys to provide adequate support and prevent movement of the arresters.

4.1.4.7 Spark screens shall be replaceable.

4.2 Incinerators.

4.2.1 Design and Construction. The design and construction of the incinerator and all associated components shall be such that, in service, they will not crack, warp, or otherwise fail structurally so as to permit flame passage or emission of combustion gases or sparks into the building.

4.2.1.1 Incinerators shall be built in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) All combustion shall take place within the combustion chamber designed for combustion temperatures.
- (2) Combustion shall not take place in breaching or chimneys unless they are designed as combustion chambers.
- (3) Incinerators designed for positive pressures shall be gastight.
- (4) The combustion chamber, inner walls, roofs, bridges, walls, and curtain walls shall be constructed so as to withstand the combustion temperatures involved and shall maintain their integrity under all operating conditions.
- (5) Metal stays, lintels, or other supports shall not be exposed to the interior of the combustion chamber.
- (6) An exterior masonry casing shall be reinforced with structural steel framework, and an exterior steel casing shall be reinforced with structural steel members such that the casing will withstand interior thrusts from arches and be capable of supporting all doors and burner equipment.
- (7) The steel casing or framework shall be erected and set plumb before any brickwork is done.
- (8) Cylindrical outer casings made of steel not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6.4 mm) thick shall not be required to be reinforced.

- (9) All incinerator structures shall be designed to comply with applicable building codes, and consideration shall be given to the most adverse conditions of seismic, wind, dead, live, moving, concentrated, erection, and thermal loadings; corrosion allowance; or combinations thereof.
- (10) Openings shall be provided so that all parts of the incinerator can be cleaned, including the ash pit, the combustion chamber, the passes of separation chambers, and the incinerator flue.
- (11) Cleanouts shall be closed by tight-fitting doors or covers, securely latched, or otherwise held in a closed position.
- (12) Ash pit and combustion chamber closures and frames shall be of cast iron or equivalent, with the frames securely attached to the incinerator.

4.2.1.2 No part of an incinerator shall be used as a wall, roof, or floor of a building.

4.2.1.3 Incinerators shall be designed with internal insulation or refractory or shall be otherwise protected by location, guard rails, or shields such that all areas or surfaces normally accessible to personnel shall not exceed 71.1°C (160°F).

4.2.1.4 External insulation over incinerator shells shall not be utilized in achieving the temperature specified in 4.2.1.3, since severe thermal damage could result. Handles of operating doors shall not exceed a 4.4°C (40°F) rise for metallic handles and a 15.6°C (60°F) rise for nonmetallic handles.

4.2.2 Explosion Relief.

4.2.2.1 Explosion relief shall be provided.

4.2.2.2 The area of explosion relief shall be not less than 0.09 m² (1 ft²) of relief area for every 3 m³ (100 ft³) of primary combustion chamber volume.

4.2.2.3 Where the exhaust chimney will not serve the purpose of explosion relief, a door or panel shall be provided and arranged to allow the door or panel to return to a closed position promptly after pressure has been released.

4.2.2.4 Exhaust stack areas that typically are closed off with valving or stack caps for directing combustion-gas effluent to other process equipment, such as heat recovery boilers, cleanup equipment, or similar installations, shall not be used in the calculation of the explosion venting area specified in 4.2.1.2.

4.2.2.5 Systems equipped with wet ash-type removal modules where a water seal exists between the outside and the incinerator chamber atmosphere and where this water seal does not exceed the equivalent of 1.49 kPa (6 in. water column) and the interconnecting passageway between the internal ash port and external ash removal device is vertically oriented directly beneath the ash port without changes in direction shall be permitted to be considered to offer an explosion relief area for the minimum required area, based on the following:

- (1) The internal dimensions of the ash port
- (2) The smallest internal dimensions of the connecting and vertical passageway
- (3) The normal projected area of the water surface interface

4.2.2.6 Wet ash systems wherein ash is expelled by mechanical devices, necessitating a normal change in direction of ash flow—that is, from vertical to horizontal—shall not be considered to provide an effective explosion relief area.

4.2.2.7 All explosion relief devices shall be oriented on the incinerator chamber so as not to be closer than 90 degrees in side elevation or plan view to the normal operator position.