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Sprinklers for Dry Cleaning Facilities

Code: 2002 Fire Prevention Code
Section: 1208.2

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Question #1:

Is a sprinkler system required in a Type IIIA or Type IIIB dry cleaning facility?

Answer:

Yes, Section 1208.2 requires a sprinkler system designed in accordance with NFPA 13 to be installed in Type IIIA and Type IIIB dry cleaning facilities.

Question #2:

Can the exception identified in Section 6.1.2.2 in NFPA 72-00 for exempting sprinklers in Type IIIA dry cleaning facilities or the exception in Section 6.2.3.2 in NFPA 72-00 for exempting sprinkler sprinklers in Type IIIB dry cleaning facilities be used?

Answer:

No, Section 1208.2 provides the guideline for the protection system, effectively superseding the protection requirements in NFPA 32. It should be noted that this contradiction, written in accordance with Section 104.5 of the North Carolina Administration and Enforcement Requirements Code, was inserted on purpose by International Code Council and left unchanged by the North Carolina Building Code Council.