Existing Building Evaluation - Fire Alarm System Values

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Code:  2015 Existing Building Code
Section:  1401.6.9

Question:
When performing an existing building evaluation, in Section 3412.6.9 of the NCBC or Section 1401.6.9 of the NCEBC, can Category c be selected when a fire alarm system is not provided and a fire alarm system is not required by Section 907 of the NCBC?

Answer:
Yes. Sections 3412.6.9 or 1401.6.9 evaluates the capability of the building to meet the fire alarm system requirements of Section 907. If Section 907 does not require the building to provide a fire alarm system, then it is in accordance with Section 907 and Category c may be selected. There is no penalty for not providing a fire alarm system that is not required.

Keywords: