# EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD OF COMPLETION (continued)

2. DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM OR SERVICE (continued, 2.2.2 System Features:	)
✓ Combination fire alarm/MNS ☐ MNS autonomous control u	init Uwide-area MNS to regional national alerting interface
☐ Local operating console (LOC) ☐ Distributed-recipient MNS	
☐ Wide-area MNS to high power loudspeaker array (HPLA) inter-	
□ Other (specify):	
2.2.3 MNS Local Operating Consoles	
Location 1: Fire Control Room	
Location 2: Security Office	
Location 3:	
2.2.4 High-Power Loudspeaker Arrays	
Number of HPLA loudspeaker initiation zones:O	
Location 1:	
Location 2:	
Location 3:	
2.2.5 Mass Notification Devices	
Combination fire alarm/MNS visual devices: 48	•
Textual signs: Other (describe):	
Supervision class:	
2.2.6 Special Hazard Notification	
☑ This system does not have special suppression predischar	ge notification.
$\square$ MNS systems DO NOT override notification appliances req	uired to provide special suppression predischarge notification
3. TWO-WAY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTE	MS
3.1 Telephone System	
Number of telephone jacks installed:15	Number of warden stations installed:3
Number of telephone handsets stored on site:6	
Type of telephone system installed:   Electrically powered	I <b>☑</b> Sound powered
3.2 Area of Refuge (Area of Rescue Assistance) Eme	rgency Communications Systems
Number of stations: O Location of central contr	ol point:
Days and hours when central control point is attended:	
Location of alternate control point:	
Days and hours when alternate control point is attended:	
Days and hours when alternate control point is attended:	
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# EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

•	continued)
TWO-WAY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (continued)	
3.3 Elevator Emergency Communications Systems	
Number of elevators with stations: 2 Location of central control point:	Fire Control Room
Days and hours when central control point is attended:24	
Location of alternate control point: None	
Days and hours when alternate control point is attended: None	
3.4 Other Two-Way Communications System	
Describe:	
CONTROL FUNCTIONS	
This system actuates the following control functions specific to emergency communic	cations systems:
Туре	Quantity
Mass Notification Override of Alarm Signaling Systems or Appliances	1
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## POWER SYSTEMS SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD OF COMPLETION

This form is a supplement to the System Record of Completion. It includes systems and components specific to power systems that incorporate generators, ESS systems, remote battery systems, or other complex power systems. This form is to be completed by the system installation contractor at the time of system acceptance and approval. It shall be permitted to modify this form as needed to provide a more complete and/or clear record.

Insert N/A in all unused lines.

PROPERTY INFORMATION  World Storage and Transfer Heads	antana
Name of property:World Storage and Transfer Head quantum Address:27132 Santa Anita Boulevard, Hilo, HI	arvers
Address:	
SYSTEM POWER	
2.1 Control Unit	
2.1.1 Primary Power	
Input voltage of control panel:120 volt	Control panel amps: 7.3
Overcurrent protection: Type:Circuit Breaker	Amps: 20
	al Room in Basement
Disconnecting means location: Panel E2 — Electric Roo	m
2.1.2 Engine-Driven Generator	
Location of generator:	
	Type of fuel: Diesel
	-7F
2.1.3 Energy Storage Systems	
Equipment powered by ESS system: None	
Calculated capacity of ESS batteries to drive the system of	
In standby mode (hours):	In alarm mode (minutes):
2.1.4 Batteries	
Location: FACU Type: Gel Cell	Nominal voltage: 24 Amp/hour rating: 16
Calculated capacity of batteries to drive the system:	
In standby mode (hours): 24	In alarm mode (minutes):15
2.2 In-Building Fire Emergency Voice Alarm Commu	inications System or Mass Notification System
2.2.1 Primary Power	
•	EVACS or MNS panel amps: 8.8
Overcurrent protection: Type: Circuit Breaker	
	al Room in Basement
Location (of primary supply panelboard).	

△ FIGURE A.7.8.2(1)(c) Example of Completed Power Systems Supplementary Record of Completion.

### **POWER SYSTEMS** SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD OF COMPLETION (continued)

2. SYSTEM POWER (continued)	
2.2.2 Engine-Driven Generator	
Location of generator:	
Location of fuel storage:	Type of fuel: Diesel
2.2.3 Energy Storage Systems  Equipment powered by ESS system: None  Location of ESS system: N/A	
Calculated capacity of ESS batteries to drive the system cor	nponents connected to it:
In standby mode (hours): N/A	•
2.2.4 Batteries	
Location: ECS Panel Type: Gel Cell	Nominal voltage: 24 Amp/hour rating: 20
Calculated capacity of batteries to drive the system:  In standby mode (hours):24	In alarm mode (minutes):15
2.3 Notification Appliance Power Extender Panels  ☐ This system does not have power extender panels.	
2.3.1 Primary Power	
Input voltage of power extender panel(s):120 volt	Power extender panel amps: 8
Overcurrent protection: Type: Circuit Breaker	
Location (of primary supply panelboard): See Table	_
Disconnecting means location:	
2.3.2 Engine-Driven Generator	
Location of generator:	
Location of fuel storage:	
2.3.3 Energy Storage Systems	
Equipment powered by ESS system: None	
Location of ESS system:	
Calculated capacity of ESS batteries to drive the system cor	
In standby mode (hours):	In alarm mode (minutes):
2.3.4 Batteries	
Location: Power Panel Type: Gel Cell	Nominal voltage: 24 Amp/hour rating: 12
Calculated capacity of batteries to drive the system:	
In standby mode (hours):24	In alarm mode (minutes):15
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## POWER SYSTEMS SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD OF COMPLETION (continued)

#### 2. SYSTEM POWER (continued)

#### 2.4 Supervising Station Transmission Equipment

### 2.4.1 Primary Power

Input voltage of shared transmission equipment: 120 VAC
Shared transmission equipment panel amps: 73 amps
Overcurrent protection: Type: Breaker Amps: 20 amps
Location (of primary supply panelboard): Breaker Panel B-23
Disconnecting means location: Electric Room
2.4.2 Engine Driven Generator
Location of generator:
Location of fuel storage: Type of fuel:
2.4.3 Energy Storage Systems
Equipment powered by ESS system:
Calculated capacity of ESS batteries to drive the system components connected to it:
In standby mode (hours): In alarm mode (minutes):
2.4.4 Batteries
Location: FACU Type: Gel Nominal voltage: 12 Amp/hour rating: 16
Calculated capacity of batteries to drive the system:
In standby mode (hours): 24 In alarm mode (minutes): 15
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#### △ FIGURE A.7.8.2(1)(c) Continued

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Once a system or a change to a system has been accepted, the inspection needs also change. The purpose for periodic inspections is to assure that obvious damages or changes that might affect the system operability are visually identified. Those persons performing periodic system inspections might or might not be familiar with all the specific system design goals and requirements. While many periodic inspections could uncover design faults, the intent of this Code is for such problems to be discovered at the acceptance inspection. The Code does not intend to require persons performing periodic inspections necessarily to be knowledgeable or qualified for inspecting and verifying the design of a system.

**A.10.5.3.2** Testing personnel knowledge should include equipment selection, placement, and installation requirements of this Code and the manufacturer's published documentation.

**A.10.5.3.4(1)** Factory training and certification is intended to allow an individual to service equipment only for which he or she has specific brand and model training.

**A.10.5.3.4(2)** Nationally recognized fire alarm certification programs might include those programs offered by the International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA), National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET), and the Electronic Security Association (ESA). NOTE: These organizations and the products or services offered by them have not been independently verified by the NFPA, nor have the products or services been endorsed or certified by the NFPA or any of its technical committees.

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**A.10.5.3.4(3)** Licenses and certifications offered at a state or local level are intended to recognize those individuals who have demonstrated a minimum level of technical competency in the area of fire alarm servicing.

**A.10.5.3.5** This is not intended to require certification where it is not offered or required by the manufacturer.

### **NOTIFICATION APPLIANCE POWER PANEL** SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD OF COMPLETION

This form is a supplement to the System Record of Completion. It includes a list of types and locations of notification appliance power extender panels.

This form is to be completed by the system installation contractor at the time of system acceptance and approval.

	ate: 2 November 2019	Number of Supplemental Pages A	uttached:
ROPERTY INFORMATION  ame of property: World Storage and Transfer Headquarters  Iddress: 27132 Santa Anita Boulevard, Hilo, HI			
Make and Model	Location	Area Served	Power Source
Firelite W123	3rd Floor	3rd Floor	Panel 3E
SK + ABC	6th Floor	6th Floor	Panel 3G
		additional information, certification	

△ FIGURE A.7.8.2(1)(d) Example of Completed Notification Appliance Power Panel Supplementary Record of Completion.

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# INTERCONNECTED SYSTEMS SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD OF COMPLETION

This form is a supplement to the System Record of Completion. It includes a list of types and locations of systems that are interconnected to the main system.

	dify this form as		time of system acceptance and approval. nore complete and/or clear record.
Form Completion Date: 2 N	ovember 2019	Number of Suppler	nental Pages Attached:
1. PROPERTY INFORMATION  Name of property:World Storage a  Address:27132 Santa Anita Boule  2. INTERCONNECTED SYSTEMS		d¶uarters	
Description	I	ocation	Purpose
Fan Shutdown		Roof	Shut down fans on fire alarm activation
Elevator Recall	Elev	rator Room	Recall elevators in case of alarm on lobby smoke detectors
See Main System Record of © 2018 National Fire Protection Association	Completion for	additional informatio	on, certifications, and approvals.  NFPA 72

△ FIGURE A.7.8.2(1)(e) Example of Completed Interconnected Systems Supplementary Record of Completion.

## DEVIATIONS FROM ADOPTED CODES AND STANDARDS SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD OF COMPLETION

This form is a supplement to the System Record of Completion. It enables the designer and/or installer to document and justify deviations from accepted codes or standards.

This form is to be completed by the system installation contractor at the time of system acceptance and approval. It shall be permitted to modify this form as needed to provide a more complete and/or clear record.

Insert N/A in all unused lines.

Form Completion Date: 2 November 2019 Number of Supplemental Pages Attached:		
1. PROPERTY INFORMATION		
Name of property: World Storage and Transfer Head qu Address: 27132 Santa Anita Boulevard, Hilo, HI	arters	
Address:		
2. DEVIATIONS FROM ADOPTED CODES OR STANDARDS		
Description	Purpose	
Waterflow switch set to a 120-second trip	lssue has been identified that there are water surges during evening hours	
See Main System Record of Completion for addi	tional information, certifications, and approvals.	
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**△** FIGURE A.7.8.2(1)(f) Example of Completed Deviations from Adopted Codes and Standards Supplementary Record of Completion.

**A.10.5.5.1(2)** An example of an organization providing alarm monitoring operator training is the Central Station Alarm Association (CSAA). Note that this reference is for information purposes only, information concerning the product or service has been provided by the manufacturer or other outside sources, and the information concerning the product or service has not been independently verified nor has the product or service been endorsed or certified by the NFPA or any of its technical committees.

**A.10.5.6.4.2(2)** An example of an organization providing public emergency alarm reporting system certification is the International Municipal Signal Association. Note that this reference is for information purposes only. Information concerning the product or service has been provided by the manufacturer or other outside sources, and the information concerning the product or service has not been independently verified, nor has the product or service been endorsed or certified by NFPA or any of its technical committees.

**A.10.5.6.4.2(4)** Factory training and certification are intended to allow individuals to service only the equipment for which they have specific brand and model training.

- **N A.10.6.1** Exceptions exist in Chapter 23 for low-power wireless systems and in Chapter 29 for household low-power wireless systems and smoke alarms.
- **N A.10.6.4** ESS classifications are found in NFPA 111. Previous editions of *NFPA 72* referenced uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) systems, which is one type of an ESS.
- **N A.10.6.5.1.2** Multiple pieces of system equipment can be connected to a branch circuit, subject to the current capacity of the circuit. It is not intended that a branch circuit be limited to a single piece of equipment. It is not intended that the circuit supply power to other than system equipment. For example, a branch circuit could power both a fire alarm control unit and an NAC power supply, but it could not power both a fire alarm control unit and a sprinkler system air compressor.
- △ A.10.6.5.2.2 The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that circuit disconnecting means for fire alarm and signaling systems are readily identifiable so that users will not mistakenly disconnect the power to the system or so that they can quickly disconnect power without having to search the electrical panel-board chart to identify the circuit. The intent of this requirement is not to require specific text for identification. Marking can include one of the following:
  - (1) "FIRE ALARM" for fire alarm systems
  - (2) "EMERGENCY COMMUNICÁTIONS" for emergency communications systems
  - (3) "FIRE ALARM/ECS" for combination fire alarm and emergency communications systems
  - (4) "CARBON MONOXIDE" for carbon monoxide detection systems

It would be acceptable to show the text using upper and/or lower case, such as "fire alarm," or "Fire Alarm," or "FIRE ALARM."

**A.10.6.6** Where a computer system of any kind is used to receive and process alarm or supervisory signals, an ESS with sufficient capacity to operate the system until the secondary supply is capable of operating the fire alarm system might be required in order to prevent signal loss or a greater than 10-second signal delay.

ESS equipment often contains an internal bypass arrangement to supply the load directly from the line. These internal bypass arrangements are a potential source of failure. ESS equipment also requires periodic maintenance. It is, therefore, necessary to provide a means of promptly and safely bypassing and isolating the ESS equipment from all power sources while maintaining continuity of power supply to the equipment normally supplied by the ESS.

**A.10.6.7.2** When a fire alarm system is used to alert occupants, the associated premises are generally evacuated during prolonged power outages. When this is not the case, as in emergency shelters or certain government facilities, additional secondary power should be required to address a more prolonged outage. These outages might be expected to result from weather or earthquake in locations subject to these events. Reasonable judgment should be employed when requiring additional secondary capacity.

When a fire alarm system is used to protect property, the associated premises might be vacant for prolonged periods (weekend, long holiday) or in very remote locations. When this is the case, and when the risk of loss is significant, additional secondary power should be required to address a more prolonged outage. These outages might be expected to result from weather or earthquake in locations subject to these events. Reasonable judgment should be employed when requiring additional secondary capacity.

- Δ A.10.6.7.2.1.1 The 20-percent safety margin is intended to address normal aging effects on battery capacity. As a battery ages, rated capacity will decrease to 80 percent, which is considered the end of service life. As a minimum, a 20-percent correction factor should be applied for aging to ensure the battery can meet its current demand at the end of service life. At initial installation, battery capacity can be as low as 90 percent and should gradually increase when it is subjected to several deep discharge/charging cycles or when it remains on float-charge for several weeks. For additional information on battery sizing considerations refer to IEEE 485, Recommended Practice for Sizing Lead-Acid Batteries for Stationary Applications.
- **N A.10.6.7.2.3** For combination systems, such as a combination carbon monoxide and fire alarm system, where the carbon monoxide notification appliances are capable of being operated separately from the fire alarm system notification appliances, only the carbon monoxide notification appliances are required to operate for 12 hours.
  - **A.10.6.7.3** The secondary power supply is not required to supply power to the fire alarm system through parallel distribution paths. Automatic transfer switches are commonly used to allow secondary power to be supplied over the same distribution system as the primary power.

The generator does not need to be dedicated to the fire alarm system.

A.10.6.8.1 Examples include the following:

- (1) A building lighting power supply required for illumination in a required video image smoke detection means
- (2) A notification appliance circuit power supply located remotely
- (3) A power supply for transmitter required to transmit signals off premises

(4) Power over ethernet (PoE), where provided for control units, circuit interfaces, or other equipment essential to system operation, and located remotely from the main control unit

A.10.6.9.2 Because digital alarm communicator systems establish communications channels between the protected premises and the central station via the public switched telephone network, the requirement to supervise circuits between the protected premises and the central station (see 12.6.1 and 12.6.2) is considered to be met if the communications channel is periodically tested in accordance with 26.6.4.1.5.

A.10.6.9.3 This requirement is intended to prevent all of the supervising station alarm systems in a given geographic area from transmitting simultaneous trouble signals (and overwhelming the associated supervising stations) in the event of a widespread power failure. A trouble signal is not intended to be transmitted if primary power is restored within the time delay.

A.10.6.10 The valve-regulated lead-acid (VRLA) battery type of rechargeable battery is currently used in protected premises applications.

This rechargeable-type battery is generally used in place of primary batteries in applications that have a relatively high current drain or that require the extended standby capability of much lower currents. The nominal voltage of a single starved electrolyte cell is 2 volts, and the battery is available in multiples of 2 volts (e.g., 2, 4, 6, 12). Batteries should be stored according to the battery manufacturer's published instructions. These batteries are often incorrectly referred to as "sealed leadacid," "gel" or "maintenance-free batteries."

There are two technologies available. The most common type is referred to as "absorbed glass mat" or AGM. In this technology, the electrolyte is immobilized by being absorbed into fiberglass mats that surround the plates. Nearly all VRLA batteries in use in U.S. fire protection applications are AGM.

The second technology is referred to as gelled electrolyte. In this technology, the electrolyte is immobilized in a silica gel. This technology is predominately seen in European applications. While some manufacturers refer to the battery as a gel battery in the literature, this needs to be confirmed by the technician. Gel batteries require higher float voltages than AGM, and floating an AGM battery at gel voltages will shorten the battery life.

A.10.6.10.3.4 The circuitry and methods for charging batteries of various types are to be evaluated by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to ensure they are appropriate for the purpose. During primary power use, batteries are tricklecharged if they are off-line and waiting to be put under load in the event of a loss of power.

Float-charged batteries are fully charged and connected across the output of the rectifiers to smooth the output and to serve as a standby source of power in the event of a loss of line power. Other charging methods are used to restore capacity to a battery after it has been utilized during a loss of primary

A.10.7.3 Mass notification signals might, at times, be more important to the building or area occupants than the fire alarm signal. Stakeholders should perform a risk analysis in accordance with 24.3.12 to determine which, if any, messages should receive priority.

A.10.7.9 In addition, the override of circuits should be indicated at the control panel of each system to ensure signals are restored to normal.

A.10.10.4 Control unit signals can be audible, visual, or both for any particular function. Some older systems used only audible indicators that had to be coded for users to know what the signal meant. Where a control unit uses both audible and visual indicators, the purpose of the audible signal is to get someone's attention. In large system configurations, there might be multiple control units with audible signals. Also, there might be several different functions requiring an audible alert as a part of the whole signal. Thus, there could be several different audible signals. It is not the intent of this Code to have separate and distinct audible signals where clear visual distinction provides the user with the needed information. Visual signals, whether a lamp with a text label, an LCD screen, a computer monitor, or other textual visual appliances, are better forms of human interface.

A.10.10.5 A valve supervisory, a low-pressure switch, or another device intended to cause a supervisory signal when activated should not be connected in series with the end-of-line supervisory device of initiating device circuits, unless a distinctive signal, different from a trouble signal, is indicated.

A.10.11.1 Activation of an initiating device is usually the instant at which a complete digital signal is achieved at the device, such as a contact closure. For smoke detectors or other automatic initiating devices, which can involve signal processing and analysis of the signature of fire phenomena, activation means the instant when the signal analysis requirements are completed by the device or fire alarm control unit software.

A separate fire alarm control unit contemplates a network of fire alarm control units forming a single large system as defined in Section 23.8.

For some analog initiating devices, activation is the moment that the fire alarm control unit interprets that the signal from an initiating device has exceeded the alarm threshold programmed into the fire alarm control unit.

For smoke detectors working on a system with alarm verification, where the verification function is performed in the fire alarm control unit, the moment of activation of smoke detectors is sometimes determined by the fire alarm control unit.

It is not the intent of this paragraph to dictate the time frame for the local fire safety devices to complete their function, such as fan wind-down time, door closure time, or elevator travel time.

A.10.11.2 The intent of this requirement is to ensure that persons who are deaf or hard of hearing are alerted to seek additional information regarding an emergency situation. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing are not always alerted by the loudspeakers that provide evacuation tones or voice instructions. It is intended that the loudspeakers and visual notification appliances located in the same area be activated together whenever tones, recorded voice instructions, or live voice instructions are being provided. (SIG-ECS)

**A.10.11.4** The recommended coded signal designations for buildings that have four floors and multiple basements are provided in Table A.10.11.4.

**A.10.11.6** Resetting of alarm signals should not require the simultaneous operation of multiple reset switches or the disconnection of any wiring or equipment to reset the alarm condition.

**A.10.12** It is the intent that both visual and audible appliances are shut off when the notification appliance silence feature is activated on the fire alarm control unit.

Per the ADA, it is important not to provide conflicting signals for the hearing or visually impaired.

**A.10.12.2** Where it is desired to deactivate the notification appliances for fire service operations inside the building and signal evacuated occupants that an alarm is still present, it is recommended that a separate non-silenceable notification zone be provided on the exterior of the building. The audible and visual notification appliances located at the building entrances could serve as a warning to prevent occupant reentry.

**A.10.15.9** The purpose of automatic trouble re-sound is to remind owners, or those responsible for the system, that the system remains in a fault condition. A secondary benefit is to possibly alert occupants of the building that the fire alarm system is in a fault condition.

**A.10.15.10.7** In large, campus-style arrangements with proprietary supervising stations monitoring protected premises systems, and in other situations where off-premises monitoring achieves the desired result, the authority having jurisdiction is permitted to allow the reactivation to occur only at the supervising station. Approval by the authority having jurisdiction is required so it can consider all fire safety issues and make a determination that there are procedures in place to ensure that the intent is met; in other words, someone is available to take action to correct the problem.

**A.10.16.2** The operability of controlled mechanical equipment (e.g., smoke and fire dampers, elevator recall arrangements, and door holders) should be verified by periodic testing. Failure to test and properly maintain controlled mechanical equipment can result in operational failure during an emergency, with potential consequences up to and including loss of life.

**A.10.17.2** Initially this requirement was meant to apply to notification appliance circuits (NACs) emanating from a single fire alarm control unit and did not contemplate the use of NAC extender panels. Acknowledging the control circuit concept

**△** Table A.10.11.4 Recommended Coded Signal Designations

	Coded
Location	Signal
Fourth floor	2–4
Third floor	2–3
Second floor	2–2
First floor	2–1
Basement	3–1
Sub-basement	3–2

allows NAC extender panels and relays to be connected to a control circuit.

**A.10.18.3** The primary purpose of annunciation is to enable responding personnel to quickly and accurately determine the status of equipment or emergency control functions that might affect the safety of occupants.

**A.10.18.5** Fire alarm system annunciation should, as a minimum, be sufficiently specific to identify a fire alarm signal in accordance with the following:

- (1) If a floor exceeds 22,500 ft² (2090 m²) in area, the floor should be subdivided into detection zones of 22,500 ft² (2090 m²) or less, consistent with the existing smoke and fire barriers on the floor.
- (2) If a floor exceeds 22,500 ft² (2090 m²) in area and is undivided by smoke or fire barriers, detection zoning should be determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the authority having jurisdiction.
- (3) Waterflow switches on sprinkler systems that serve multiple floors, areas exceeding 22,500 ft² (2090 m²), or areas inconsistent with the established detection system zoning should be annunciated individually.
- (4) In-duct smoke detectors on air-handling systems that serve multiple floors, areas exceeding 22,500 ft<sup>2</sup> (2090 m<sup>2</sup>), or areas inconsistent with the established detection system zoning should be annunciated individually.
- (5) If a floor area exceeds 22,500 ft² (2090 m²), additional zoning should be provided. The length of any zone should not exceed 300 ft (91 m) in any direction. If the building is provided with automatic sprinklers throughout, the area of the alarm zone should be permitted to coincide with the allowable area of the sprinkler zone.

**A.10.19.1** Amplifiers generally require significant power regardless of load. To reduce the secondary power demand, there is no requirement to monitor the integrity of amplifiers during non-alarm operation on secondary power. This allows the amplifiers to be shut down while the system is operating on secondary power until an alarm occurs. When an alarm occurs, monitoring of integrity must resume so that an operator is aware of current conditions and so that any backup amplifiers can be engaged.

Backup amplifying and evacuation signal–generating equipment is recommended with automatic transfer upon primary equipment failure to ensure prompt restoration of service in the event of equipment failure.

**A.10.21** The term *impairments* encompasses a broad range of circumstances wherein a system or portion thereof is taken out of service for a variety of reasons. Systems are routinely impaired to allow hot work (e.g., open flame operations) to be performed in areas with automatic detection, construction, painting, and so forth, as well as to conduct normal system maintenance and testing. Impairments can be limited to specific initiating devices and/or functions (e.g., disconnecting the supervising station connection during system testing), or they can involve taking entire systems or portions of systems out of service. Section 10.21 is intended to help building owners control impairments of the system(s) in their building(s) and to ensure that systems are restored to full operation and/or returned to service afterward.

Additional requirements for impairments and out-of-service conditions are in 14.2.2.2.