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CORROSION CONTROL AND PAINT FINISHING HANGARS

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Impact: Media blast requirements will ensure that projects are designed and constructed to perform current paint and corrosion control functions. Better understanding of ventilation requirements should reduce "over建" of systems and thus reduce the cost of ventilation systems in paint and corrosion control hangars.
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CHAPTER 1  INTRODUCTION

1-1  SCOPE.

This UFC contains specific criteria for the design of Navy and Marine Corps aircraft corrosion control and paint hangars. \3\ (Change 2 was deleted. /3/ Criteria for the design on maintenance hangars is contained in UFC 4-211-01N, Design: Aircraft Maintenance Hangars: Type I and Type II and this UFC is based on the basic design criteria it contains.

1-2  OTHER DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS.

Consult aircraft maintenance officers of shore activities throughout the design effort. This ensures that technical requirements for specific aircraft maintenance and testing procedures receive proper consideration. The facility must comply with all requirements of UFC 1-200-01, Design: General Building Requirements.

1-3  DEFINITIVE DRAWINGS.

Contact NAVFAC Engineering Innovation and Criteria Office for availability of definitive design drawings. \2\ Drawings contained in appendix E should be used for general guidance only and shall not overrule local facility requirements for items such as maintenance and space requirements. /2/

1-4  PLANNING.


1-5  ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Provide an intercommunicating two-way voice system, with use restricted to maintenance and material management (3M.) Connect the system to the AIMD officer, assistant officer and production control office; with each squadron hangar; and the production control offices in the airframes shop, avionics shop, engine maintenance shop, ground support equipment shop, aviation armaments shop and aviation life support systems shop.

1-6  ENERGY CONSERVATION.

Energy conservation is a major consideration in the design of building envelopes, mechanical systems, and electrical systems. Refer to UFC 3-400-01, Energy Conservation, MIL-HDBK-1003/3: Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Dehumidifying Systems and UFC 3-410-04N, Industrial Ventilation Systems.

1-7  ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.
The facility must comply with all applicable environmental regulations. The Whole Building Design Guide web site (http://www.wbdg.org/) provides information and links to the various laws and guidance documents pertaining to the environment. For site-specific information, contact the base environmental office and the local Facility Engineering Command.

1-8 **ANTITERRORISM AND FORCE PROTECTION.**

The facility must meet all applicable requirements of UFC 4-010-01, *DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standards for Buildings*. If a conflict occurs between this UFC and UFC 4-010-01, UFC 4-010-01 governs.

1-9 **BUILDING PROTECTION.**

Protect the facility, including corners of interior partitions and exterior walls, doors, and structural members, from damage by vehicles and moving loads. Install concrete-filled pipe guards, bumpers, railings, corner guards and similar protective features.

1-10 **FIRE PROTECTION.**

CHAPTER 2 CORROSION CONTROL HANGARS

2-1  FUNCTION.

Design the corrosion control hangar to provide space and equipment for the corrosion control processing of aircraft. This corrosion control process can be performed at either a depot level or organizational and intermediate (O/I) level facility as defined in NAVAIR Technical Manual NA01-1A-509, Aircraft Weapons Systems Cleaning and Corrosion Control. Base facilities designed for depot level maintenance on de-paint/re-paint of the entire aircraft. Base facilities designed for O/I level maintenance on repair of damaged paint systems and de-paint/repaint of components only. This does not include de-painting by plastic media blasting (PMB) equipment. Functions performed in the corrosion control hangar include:

a. deicing,

b. limited detergent washing and rinsing,

c. paint stripping,

d. corrosion removal,

e. protective coating application and painting, and

f. finish curing and drying.

Refer to NAVAIR Technical Manual NA01-1A-509 for detailed functions performed in this facility.

2-2  LOCATION.

Locate the corrosion control hangar in proximity to the maintenance hangars and as close as possible to an aircraft washrack. Access between the corrosion control hangar, the maintenance hangar, and the aircraft washrack is required. Consider the prevailing wind in orienting the building in relation to aprons, taxiways, and parking, to allow for exhaust air dispersal over areas not affected by solvent fumes. Care must also be taken to site the hangar in accordance with the requirements of NAVFAC P-80.3 and UFC 3-260-01, Airfield and Heliport Planning and Design. It should not be sited within any runway safety zone or in a location where it might extend into any imaginary surface.

2-3  ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS.

There are two types of depot level corrosion control hangars.

a. Type A corrosion control hangars are designed for carrier aircraft and other small aircraft.
b. Type B corrosion control hangars are designed for land-based transport or patrol aircraft.

Because both construction and operating costs increase as the volume of the hangar bay increases, design depot level corrosion control hangars for aircraft larger than those accommodated by the Type B hangar and O/I level corrosion control hangars around the specific dimensions of the aircraft concerned. Aircraft dimensions can be found using the Aircraft Characteristics Database at [http://www.uscost.net/aircraftcharacteristics](http://www.uscost.net/aircraftcharacteristics).

With the exception of the following special requirements, design the corrosion control hangar using the general architectural and structural requirements for maintenance hangars set forth in [UFC 4-211-01N](http://www.uscost.net/aircraftcharacteristics).

- The size of the various aircraft scheduled to use the facility will determine the hangar bay dimensions. Size the bay to accommodate fixed-wing aircraft with wings unfolded, and helicopters and V-22 with rotors in place and unfolded unless it has been determined that aircraft surfaces are accessible with the wings/rotors folded. The following minimum clearances are required to allow proper access for work platforms and to minimize paint overspray on hangar walls and ceilings:
  1. Top of aircraft (vertical fin, radome, rotor head, tail rotor) to underside of ceiling - 1.6 m (5 ft);
  2. Nose of aircraft to hangar door - 3.1 m (10 ft);
  3. Tail of aircraft or tail rotor to exhaust target wall - 3.1 m (10 ft); and
  4. Horizontal and vertical clearance from aircraft to open front door - 1.6 m (5 ft). In addition to these clearances, the depth of the door and exhaust plenum (T) is required to properly size the hangar bay. The equation \( T = \frac{1}{5}H \) defines this depth where \( H \) is the height of the aircraft at its highest point plus 1.6 m (5 ft). Note that the depth (T) does not include the thickness of the structure of the door or the filter media.

- Base the number of hangar bays for each site on an analysis of aircraft types, production schedules, hours required for each corrosion control operation, and number of work shifts. Refer to [NAVFAC P-80](http://www.uscost.net/aircraftcharacteristics) for criteria to develop the required quantity of bays. If the workload includes a mix of large and small aircraft, a moveable partition at the center of the bay can be used. Bays in which stripping, blasting, or grinding are done will be separate from spaces where painting is done.
Ancillary space requirements will vary based on facility requirements. Provide spaces for paint mixing, paint storage, waste paint area, bead blast rooms, gear equipment and tools, office, nondestructive inspection, strip/rinse, paint spray, and dry storage. Base the size of the rooms on the workload. Provide exit doors to the outside for rooms designated for storing or mixing chemicals or paints. Provide a depressed floor slab or doorsills with ramps to contain spills. Separate spaces where stripping, blasting, or grinding are done from spaces where painting is done.

Provide storage space for dry filters. Provide stairs for personnel and a roof mounted jib crane for materials transport to the roof.

Provide a loading dock.

Provide a trench drain at the doorway between the hangar bays and the ancillary spaces.

Provide a connection to the station Industrial Waste Treatment System or to a collection tank from all drains. The corrosion control process generates large amounts of water that could potentially hold solid or liquid paint residue or other solvents and wastes.

Provide space for work on composite helicopter rotor blades if applicable.

An overhead bridge crane is not required in the hangar bays.

Locate utilities on the side walls. Use of utility pits in hangar floors is prohibited.

Design for the aircraft fully loaded with fuel.

2-3.1 Structure.

The hangar structure should be steel frame with open-web, steel-joist roof. The structure for areas adjacent to the hangar area should be load bearing, insulated, concrete-masonry unit construction with open-web, steel-joist roof. Equip the strip/rinse room with a 1,814 kg (2-ton) overhead monorail. Incorporate the requirements of NFPA 33, Spray Application Using Flammable or Combustible Materials into the design.

2-3.2 Walls.

With the exception of the following criteria, walls should be in accordance with UFC 4-211-01N:
2-3.3 **Roofs.**

Roofs should meet the criteria defined in UFC 4-211-01N.

2-3.4 **Floors.**

Floors should meet the following criteria:

a. The hangar area floor should be designed in accordance with criteria in UFC 3-260-02, *Pavement Design for Airfields*.

b. Design other floors in accordance with UFC 1-200-01. Install resilient tile or sheet floor coverings.

2-3.5 **Ceilings.**

Aircraft bays and paint storage, mixing, and spray areas should have water-resistant gypsum ceilings. Provide a 1-hour fire-rated ceiling in paint bays. Provide suspended acoustical ceilings for corridors, toilets, locker rooms, and offices. Install suspended acoustical ceiling panels in shower areas with vinyl plastic surfaces. The strip/rinse room ceiling should be of corrosion-resistant, perforated metal.

2-3.6 **Doors and Door Controls.**

Provide doors and controls in accordance with UFC 4-211-01N.
2-3.6.1 **Hangar Doors.** Hangar doors should be a specialized, insulated, hangar type with swinging leaves. These doors should serve as an insulated supply air plenum when closed. Provide perforated plates in the supply air plenum, one stationary and one adjustable, which allow for balancing to achieve laminar flow. Use 19 mm (3/4-inch) to 25 mm (1-inch) holes spaced to give approximately 50 percent free area. Plates are to be 18 gauge galvanized steel \(1/2\) is recommended but other arrangement may be used if the required calculations are performed or if alternative successful designs can be proven. Refer to **UFC 3-410-04N, Industrial Ventilation Systems** for other criteria. A Computational Fluid Dynamics study is also recommended to help determine proper airflow from whichever configuration is used. /2\ Each door leaf should be a motor-operated unit with a release mechanism, and provide the doors with a means of movement in the event of a power failure. Install adequate safety devices to prevent injury to personnel and damage to equipment due to moving door sections. Design thresholds to minimize dirt accumulation and ice buildup. See **UFC 4-211-01N.** /2\ For larger sized aircraft, other types of doors may be considered. /2/  

2-3.6.2 **Personnel Doors.** Install 1-1/2-hour B-rated, self-closing fire doors for personnel doors between the hangar area and paint and chemical mixing rooms and the corridor. Hold-open devices are not permitted.  

2-3.6.3 **Other Doors.** Other doors should be as described in **UFC 4-211-01N.** Provide self-closing, insulated personnel exit doors from each hangar bay. No hold-open devices are permitted. Take special precautions to seal doors between hangar areas and exterior or adjacent spaces. Provide a vehicle access door either within or adjacent to the hangar aircraft access doors.  

2-3.7 **Building Insulation.**  
Insulate building walls, roofs, and floors in accordance with **UFC 4-211-01N.**  

2-3.8 **Surface Treatment.**  
Provide the sidewalls, the inside of hangar doors, and the ceiling of the hangar area with a light color, smooth surface such as white enameled metal panels.  

2-3.9 **Exterior Pavement.**  
Exterior paved areas include aircraft and vehicle access and non-organizational parking. Aircraft pavement should be in accordance with **UFC 3-260-02.** Vehicle access and parking should be in accordance with facility plates in this UFC and MIL-HDBK-1190, Facility Planning and Design Guide.  

2-4 **MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS.**
The design of the corrosion control hangar should meet the mechanical requirement set forth in the following paragraphs.

2-4.1 **Heating and Air Conditioning.**

Provide heating and air-conditioning in accordance with 3-410-02N and as follows:

2-4.1.1 Based on an economic analysis, consider providing a system for the recovery of heat from the exhaust air. Heat recovery systems must not permit contaminated exhaust air from migrating into the supply air system. In particular, heat wheels are discouraged. Regardless of the type of system provided, a detailed, provide in-depth analysis to prove that the airflow introduced into the paint area is uniform in distribution and velocity, and that the system can be properly operated for building pressure requirements. Many systems do not perform as anticipated during the design process, due to lack of foresight of real world conditions, the influence of building structure, the air delivery system inlet and outlet conditions, the air exhaust system, the actual aircraft characteristics and surrounding scaffolding and access equipment, among other things. The analysis can be performed by scaled mockup, scaled wind tunnel analysis or Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) modeling, among others. The Navy has also specifically endorsed the use of CFD. Refer to OPNAVINST 4790.2. For more extensive information on CFD modeling refer to High Performance Computing Modernization Office (HPCMO), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and the U.S. Environmental protection Agency (EPA) for studies using CFD analysis for industrial ventilation requirements. It is suggested to employ a third party consultant to perform these functions.

2-4.1.2 The required hangar bay design heating temperature will normally be between 24 degrees C (70 degrees F) and 32 degrees C (90 degrees F) with a relative humidity between 50 and 70 percent. Some activities may require higher temperatures to accelerate curing cycles. Determine exact requirements for each site based on materials and production requirements. Equip hangar with an automatic cutoff of the heating system when the main hangar doors are open. Minimum temperature thermostat should be set at 1 degree C (34 degrees F) to override the heating deactivation switch during door-open periods of subfreezing ambient temperatures. The recovery time for the heating system should be 30 minutes after door closure.

2-4.1.3 Provide a snow-melting system at the hangar door tracks when the outside design temperature is -4 degrees C (+25 degrees F) or lower and when historical snow data supports the requirement.
2-4.1.4 Refer to the facility plates for design conditions in other hangar spaces.

2-4.1.5 Each bay in the OH area should be a separate heating zone.

2-4.1.6 Heating should be suitable for operation in the vapor hazard condition in the hangar bay, flammable storage/mixing areas and paint equipment cleaning spaces.

2-4.2 Ventilation for Control of Air Contaminants and Flammable Vapors.

2-4.2.1 The goal of the facility is to provide a system that is energy efficient, cost effective to install, while ensuring proper requirements for operator health and safety are maintained.

2-4.2.2 Provide ventilation in accordance with UFC 3-410-04N, Industrial Ventilation Systems, NFPA 33, and ANSI Z9.2, 4, and 7; refer to Appendix B for further guidance. The ventilation system for the hangar area should furnish 100 percent filtered outside air at a horizontal laminar flow velocity of 0.68 /2\ 0.508 /2\ m/s (100 fpm) across the entire cross-section area of the hangar bays for chemical stripping/painting operations for worker safety and overspray control in accordance with OSHA. This velocity may be decreased in accordance with OSHA and its interpretations for consideration of paint spray areas vs. paint booths, depending on the size of aircraft and the exact type and amount of operations considered for the space. Recirculation of airflow may be evaluated according to requirements of NFPA-33 and ANSI Z-9.7. Refer to the extensive studies and information provided by the Air Force Research laboratory (AFRL) in appendix B and other sections for more information. Refer to applicable OSHA interpretation in appendix D. Provide 0.25 m/s (50 fpm) airflow velocity during the drying cycle and de-paint by grinding operations, and a minimum of 6 air changes per hour for other procedures. Refer to UFC-3 410-04 for fan requirements. Provide demister in the supply system.

2-4.2.3 The use of High Volume Low pressure (HVLP) and HVLP electrostatic paint application techniques greatly reduces the amount of overspray exposure to workers, versus conventional air atomization air-assisted, air less, or electrostatic paint spray methods, and is recommended to reduce overspray and increase exhaust filter life. When HVLP and/or HVLP electrostatic paint techniques are used overspray is greatly reduced as well as potential health effects to the workers. Verify systems performance to ensure system is not over designed.

2-4.2.4 Interlock the fans and the compressors so that the compressors cannot operate when the fans are inoperative. Interlock the fans and the fire protection system so that the fans cannot operate when the fire protection system is inoperative. Filter pressure, space pressure, fan status, breathing
air system, critical component failure, etc. should be monitored by the building automated control system. All critical alarms, notifications and status points shall also be indicated on a control panel either within the hangar or at an operator monitoring station. Consider that ventilation system should possibly maintain a slightly positive static pressure of 1.25 mm (0.05 in.) water gage between the hangar area and the exterior to avoid infiltration of contaminants into the hangar space that can affect painting operations. However, some studies indicate that a slightly negative pressure in the area provides for more superior painting and reduces turbulent flow in the areas that should be addressed. (Refer to System-Level Computational Fluid Dynamics: Advanced CFD Tools to Solve Problems of Operational Conditions, States of Large-Scale Engineered and Natural Systems for additional guidance.) Maintain a slightly higher pressure in the adjacent ancillary spaces and overhead ceiling spaces than in the hangar area to keep the hazardous fumes given off by stripping agents from infiltrating into these spaces. Ventilate the space above the hangar bay ceiling to provide a non-hazardous space for light fixtures.

Filters throughout should be made from noncombustible materials and should meet approval of the fire protection authorities. Filters upstream of the supply fan and filters in the door plenum should have an efficiency of MERV 5 or better on the basis of Method of Testing General Ventilation Air-Cleaning Devices Used for Removal Efficiency. Filters in the exhaust walls shall meet the requirements for the 3 part system per NESHAP. Determine the type of exhaust filter system by an analysis of environmental control regulations at the site for additional requirements. If air recirculation systems are considered, additional filtering may be required. Refer to the AFRL for further information.

Install visual gauges, audible alarms, or pressure activated devices on filters to ensure that the air velocity is maintained. Provide exhaust ventilation from the floor level for the paint mixing and storage rooms. Refer to ACGIH IV manual VS-75-30. Also, paint mixing can be done on ventilated benches. Refer to UFC 3-410-04N. Provide ventilation systems for paint mixing and paint equipment-cleaning rooms in accordance with NFPA 33 and the ACGIH Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices. Consider heat recovery in the ventilation system for those spaces. Exhaust stacks should be the "no loss" type as shown in ACGIH Industrial Ventilation, a Manual of Recommended Practices. Consider recirculation of airflow per NPFA-33 and ANSI Z9.7 and refer to Guidance found in the AFRL. See Appendix D for OSHA interpretations.

2-4.3 **Plumbing.**

Provide plumbing in accordance with UFC 3-420-01, Plumbing Systems and as follows:

a. Provide toilet and shower facilities for both sexes.
b. Provide an emergency eyewash/safety shower conforming Appendix B of UFC 3-420-01. Refer to paragraph 2-8 for discharge requirements.

c. Provide an oil separator for drains from the hangar area and paint mixing rooms and paint equipment cleaning rooms.

d. Locate storm-water drains at least 310 mm (12 in) from the hangar access door rails.

e. Provide AFFF/sprinkler discharge collection/retention system when required by environmental regulations. Provide a connection to the station Industrial Waste Treatment System or to a collection tank from all drains. The corrosion control process generates large amounts of water that could potentially hold solid or liquid paint residue or other solvents and wastes. Refer to UFC 4-451-10, Hazardous Waste Systems and UFC 4-832-01N, Industrial and Oily Wastewater Control.

2-4.4 Compressed Air.

Provide low-pressure air for operation of tools and for breathing air in accordance with the following criteria:

a. Provide low-pressure compressed air at 40 percent to 60 percent humidity and at 862 kPa (125 psig) for shop use. Air should be oil-free to prevent paint contamination. Air outlets supplying tools requiring lubrication should be equipped with an in-line lubricator. Rotary oil-free compressors are recommended since this compressed air may be used as a source for breathing air at lower life cycle costs.

b. Provide low-pressure compressed air at 138 kPa (20 psig) or higher if required, at 40 percent to 60 percent humidity for breathing air in the hangar bays. Breathing air may be obtained from the oil-free shop air source through final purifiers in each bay or from a separate breathing air compressor and piping system that meets requirements by OSHA for minimum Grade D air. Breathing air from the oil-free shop air source is preferred because of lower cost.

c. The air outlets (quick connect fittings) for oil-free shop air, lubricated tool air, and breathing air should be different for each service and should not be compatible with each other.

d. Typical outlet quantities for each bay are: four breathing and four oil-free shop air and two lubricated tool air. Typically, two oil-free
shop air outlets are required per ancillary space. Verify actual requirements for each site.

e. Locate the intake for breathing air in an uncontaminated area.

2-4.5 **Noise and Vibration Control.**

Design mechanical systems and equipment to limit noise and vibration in accordance with UFC 3-450-01: *Design: Noise and Vibration Control*. Design hangar bay for maximum 75 dBA space average. Provide sound traps to attenuate fan noise down to this level. Noise levels of 55 dBA in the hangar bay area with the ventilation system operating at maximum airflow have been achieved with careful design attention to fan and duct noise characteristics. Outdoor noise levels should not exceed 75 dBA and should comply with local regulations.

2-5 **ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS.**

Provide electrical systems in accordance with UFC 3-520-01, *Interior Electrical Systems* and as defined in UFC 4-211-01N. Electrical equipment in the hangar bay should be waterproof when deluge sprinkler protection is provided to prevent equipment damage in the event of testing or accidental discharge of the deluge system.

2-5.1 **Electrical Installations.**

Electrical installations in the following areas should meet the requirements in NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code* for the specific hazardous (classified) location:

- Hangar area,
- Paint and chemical mixing rooms,
- Paint equipment cleaning room,
- Paint storage room.

2-5.2 **Lighting.**

The electrical requirements for lighting should be as follows:

- Interior lighting in the main hangar bays should provide 1076 lux (100 footcandles) measured 0.76 meters (30 inch) above the floor using metal halide fixtures. Future aircraft finishes may require other types of lights. Lighting intensities elsewhere are to be in accordance with UFC 3-530-01, *Interior and Exterior Lighting and Controls*. 
- Exterior lighting should be high-pressure sodium vapor where practical and should be in accordance with UFC 3-530-01.

- Provide power outlets in the hangar bays for task lights.

- Avoid the use of explosion-proof overhead fixtures by providing sealed, ventilated space above the finished ceiling.

2-5.3 **Grounding.**

\[1\] Provide the maintenance hangar with flush mounted, floor power ground receptacles, each with a 19 mm (3/4-inch) diameter ground rod, located at a minimum of 7.3 m (24 foot) centers across the centerline of the OH space. Locate additional power ground receptacles around dedicated aircraft parking areas to facilitate the use of grounding connections. When aircraft are parked outside of the hangar, provide static ground receptacles on parking aprons. Resistance to ground for ground power must not exceed **10 ohms** maximum, and for static ground, must not exceed 10,000 ohms in accordance with MIL-HDBK-274 (AS), *Electrical Grounding for Aircraft Safety* and with NAVSEA OP5, *Ammunition and Explosives Ashore Safety Regulations for Handling, Storing, Production, Renovation and Shipping*. Connect ground receptacles together with No. 1/0 AWG minimum bare copper below the hangar floor and connected to the facility grounding system. \[1/\]

2-6 **WEIGHT-HANDLING EQUIPMENT.**

The monorail hoist should be in accordance with criteria in UFC 3-320-07N, *Weight Handling Equipment* and should be of spark-proof construction with an explosion-proof motor. Controls should be operable from the floor level and, when electric, should meet the requirements indicated in paragraph 2-5.1.

2-7 **FIRE PROTECTION.**

The fire protection design should be in accordance with paragraph 1-10. Provide the following features:

a. In the hangar bays, requirements of UFC 4-211-01N should be met.

b. Provide an automatic wet-pipe sprinkler system in ancillary spaces.

c. Provide manual and automatic fire alarm system reporting to the base-wide system.

2-8 **ENVIRONMENTAL.**

Design should be in accordance with environmental protection regulations and the requirements as follows:
2-8.1  **Floor Drains and Waste Disposal System.**

Design for accidental spill of paint strippers and thinners, paint, cleaning solvents, pretreatment chemicals, fuel, oil, aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) etc. Provide for zero discharge from the facility unless the facility will discharge to an existing or new industrial waste treatment facility (IWTF) or to a municipal sewer system. In each case, the IWTF must be capable of handling both the type and volume of the chemicals that will be discharged. Consult the local Facilities Engineering Command Environmental Office for appropriate discharge standards. Provide above-grade containment of accidental spills with appropriate sumps for pumping and cleanup of spilled wastes. Size the containment capacity for the largest possible discharge. Provide a method to prevent the drains from clogging.

2-8.2  **Air Emissions.**

Emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC), hazardous air pollutants (HAP) and particulates from surface coating facilities are regulated by USEPA and state environmental agencies via various air pollution regulations, including the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Facilities (40 CFR 63, Subpart GG). Consult the base environmental office and the cognizant Facilities Engineering Command for appropriate requirements for the site. Make every effort to achieve compliance with applicable regulations by use of compliant coatings or other pollution prevention alternatives vice the use of VOC/HAP emission controls. Consider recirculation of airflow per NPFA-33 and ANSI Z9.7. See appendix D for additional information for OSHA interpretations and the AFRL. Recirculation allows for pollution abatement sizing equipment reduction in those areas requiring engineering controls for attainment purposes. /2/
CHAPTER 3 PAINT FINISHING HANGAR

3-1  FUNCTION.

Design the paint-finishing hangar for use only as a part of a NADEP or a selected intermediate maintenance activity as determined by the major claimant and approved by the Shore Development Board for cleaning, painting, and curing aircraft surfaces using production line methods. Provide work-bays, storage, and administrative spaces.

3-2  LOCATION.

Locate the paint-finishing hangar with due regard to the requirement for aircraft and vehicle access. In orienting the building, consider the prevailing wind in relation to the intake and exhaust of large volumes of air for the ventilation system.

3-3  ARRANGEMENT.

Arrange work-bays so that each has ready access to the outside and to equipment and storage spaces of the hangar. Isolate work-bays in which cleaning and stripping are done from work-bays in which painting and curing are done. Administrative spaces such as work control offices may be accommodated in mezzanines. Provide mechanical equipment rooms with outside access.

3-4  ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS.

Design each hangar for the size and configuration of the specific aircraft to be handled. Determine work-bay dimensions, ceiling heights, and door openings by the aircraft dimensions. Determine the number of work-bays by the workload. In addition to the following specific requirements, design the paint finishing hangar using the general architectural criteria for maintenance hangars, as set forth in UFC 4-211-01N.

3-4.1  Structure.

Use noncombustible construction materials. Reinforced concrete slabs (with perimeter insulation) and columns with insulated masonry exterior walls are preferred. Refer to UFC 1-200-01. Incorporate the requirements of NFPA 33.

3-4.2  Roofs.

Design roof in accordance with UFC 4-211-01N.

3-4.3  Walls.
Isolate work-bays and spaces used for paint and chemical mixing with 2-hour fire-rated walls.

3-4.4 **Floors.**

Design work-bay floors in accordance with the criteria in UFC 3-260-02. Design other floors in accordance with UFC 1-200-01.

3-4.5 **Ceilings.**

Provide administrative and personnel spaces with a noncombustible, suspended acoustical ceiling.

3-4.6 **Doors and Door Controls.**

Provide doors and controls in accordance with UFC 4-211-01N.

3-4.7 **Building Insulation.**

Insulate building walls, roof, and floor in accordance with UFC 4-211-01N.

3-4.8 **Surface Treatment.**

In addition to the requirements in paragraph 2-3.8, provide walls, inside surfaces of doors, and ceilings of work-bays with a light-colored, smooth, hard surface.

3-4.9 **Exterior Pavement.**

Exterior paved areas of the hangar include aircraft and vehicle access and non-organizational parking. Aircraft pavement should be in accordance with UFC 3-260-02, and vehicle access and parking should be in accordance with MIL-HDBK-1190.

3-5 **MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS.**

Design the paint-finishing hangar to meet the criteria set forth in UFC 4-211-01N, with the following special requirements:

3-5.1 **Heating.**

Provide heating systems in accordance with paragraph 2-4.1.

3-5.2 **Ventilation for Control of Air Contaminants and Flammable Vapors.**

Provide ventilation systems in accordance with paragraph 2-4.2.

3-5.3 **Air Conditioning.**
Provide air conditioning systems for administrative areas in accordance with paragraph 2-4.1.

3-5.4 **Plumbing.**

Provide plumbing systems in accordance with paragraph 2-4.3. Provide an industrial waste system if required by facility pollution control procedures for control of paint stripping residue. Locate storm water drains at least 310 mm (12 in) from the hangar access door rails.

3-5.5 **Compressed Air.**

Provide compressed air in accordance with paragraph 2-4.4.

3-5.6 **Noise and Vibration Control.**

Design mechanical systems and equipment to limit noise and vibration in accordance with UFC 3-450-01. 

3-6 **ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS.**

Provide electrical systems, including power, lighting and grounding, in accordance with paragraph 2-5.

3-7 **FIRE PROTECTION.**

Design fire protection systems in accordance with paragraph 1-10.

3-8 **ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS.**

The type of environmental controls required will depend on the pollution abatement regulations at the site and the type and quantities of paints used. Environmental controls can be a major construction and operating cost item; therefore, an accurate determination of regulations and paints (existing and proposed) is required prior to design.
CHAPTER 4  PLASTIC MEDIA BLAST HANGAR

FUNCTION.

Design the plastic media blast (PMB) hangar for use only as a part of a NADEP or a selected intermediate maintenance activity as determined by the major claimant and approved by the Shore Development Board for cleaning, painting, and curing aircraft surfaces using production line methods. Provide work-bays, storage, and administrative spaces.

4-1.1 PMB Material.

Data sheets for the Plastic Media blast (PMB) material indicate it is non-combustible at the particle size that the material will be initially used at (a PG-1 size which is 5% > 12 mesh, 12 mesh > 80% > 16 mesh and 16 mesh > 15% > 20 mesh). It is typical for many dusts that they are not combustible until they reach a particle size of 420 microns or less in diameter (i.e., material passing through a U.S. No. 40 Standard Sieve). The PMB material behaves in this manner, being combustible when particles are small enough; and thereby having the potential to generate a dust explosion when enough of these very small particles are in a uniform fine suspension in air and are heated to a high enough temperature.

4-1.2 PMB Recycling.

In the PMB process for aircraft stripping functions the blast media is recycled when particle are between 12 and 60 mesh. As particle size becomes smaller (i.e. pass through a 60 mesh sieve) the particles become uneconomical for the stripping process and these smaller particles are removed in the stages one and two of the media reclamation process. As particles between 12 and 60 mesh are recycled, some of the media that is returned to the stripping process falls in the particle size range that is combustible (i.e. that between 40 and 60 mesh).

4-1.3 PMB Hangar Cautions.

The premise of the building design is that the system interlocking, media recovery, media recycling and house keeping policies in the facility shall be such to ensure that small dust particles are not allowed to accumulate anywhere in the hangar space. Thus the hangar bay space will not be classified a hazardous space despite the presence of PMB material, which under some circumstances is a combustible dust.

Designers should be aware that PMB materials in a laboratory setting have been shown to form dust clouds that can result in dust explosions. Research reports by US Bureau of Mines have concluded that:
a. As delivered and normally used PMB material is not hazardous. This refers to material in the 12-16 Mesh size range when delivered, and 12-60 Mesh size range when recycled.

b. Recycled media in range 12 to 80 mesh will not explode.

c. In PMB where all material is very fine i.e. all below 140 Mesh, an explosion is likely in an explosive test chamber with a spark igniter.

d. In PMB media where all material is fine i.e. all below 40 Mesh, an explosion is possible under some conditions in an explosive test chamber with a spark igniter.

4-2 LOCATION.

Locate the paint-finishing hangar with due regard to the requirement for aircraft and vehicle access. In orienting the building, consider the prevailing wind in relation to the intake and exhaust of large volumes of air for the ventilation system.

4-3 ARRANGEMENT.

Arrange work-bays so that each has ready access to the outside and to equipment and storage spaces of the hangar. Isolate work-bays in which cleaning and stripping are done from work-bays in which painting and curing are done. Administrative spaces such as work control offices may be accommodated in mezzanines. Provide mechanical equipment rooms with outside access.

4-4 ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS.

Design each hangar for the size and configuration of the specific aircraft to be handled. Determine work-bay dimensions, ceiling heights, and door openings by the aircraft dimensions. Determine the number of work-bays by the workload. In addition to the following specific requirements, design the paint finishing hangar using the general architectural criteria for maintenance hangars, as set forth in UFC 4-211-01N.

4-4.1 Structure.

Use noncombustible construction materials. Reinforced concrete slabs (with perimeter insulation) and columns with insulated masonry exterior walls are preferred. Refer to UFC 1-200-01. Incorporate the requirements of NFPA 33.

4-4.2 Roofs.

Design roof in accordance with UFC 4-211-01N.
4-4.3  **Walls.**

Isolate work-bays and spaces used for paint and chemical mixing with 2-hour fire-rated walls. All interior surfaces of the hangar bay shall be smooth such that the accumulation of dust is not possible. Hangar bay walls and ceiling shall be sealed to prevent migration of dust into the cavity behind the wall or above the ceiling.

4-4.4  **Floors.**

Design work-bay floors in accordance with the criteria in UFC 3-260-02. Design other floors in accordance with UFC 1-200-01.

4-4.5  **Ceilings.**

Provide administrative and personnel spaces with a noncombustible, suspended acoustical ceiling.

4-4.6  **Doors and Door Controls.**

Provide doors and controls in accordance with UFC 4-211-01N.

4-4.7  **Building Insulation.**

Insulate building walls, roof, and floor in accordance with UFC 4-211-01N.

4-4.8  **Surface Treatment.**

In addition to the requirements in paragraph 2-3.8, provide walls, inside surfaces of doors, and ceilings of work-bays with a light-colored, smooth, hard surface.

4-4.9  **Exterior Pavement.**

Exterior paved areas of the hangar include aircraft and vehicle access and non-organizational parking. Aircraft pavement should be in accordance with UFC 3-260-02, and vehicle access and parking should be in accordance with MIL-HDBK-1190.

4-4.10  **Use Group Classifications.**

PMB hangar bay area shall be classified by the IBC as a Factory and Industrial use group F-1.

4-4.11  **Housekeeping.** Good housekeeping practices are essentially to the safe operation of a PMB facility. Visible dust layers shall not be allowed to accumulate such that the color of a surface is no longer discernable.

4-5  **MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS.**
Design the paint-finishing hangar to meet the criteria set forth in UFC 4-211-01N, with the following special requirements:

4-5.1 **Heating.**

Provide heating systems in accordance with paragraph 2-4.1.

4-5.2 **Ventilation for Control of Air Contaminants.**

Provide ventilation systems in accordance with paragraph 2-4.2.

4-5.3 **Air Conditioning.**

Provide air conditioning systems for administrative areas in accordance with paragraph 2-4.1.

4-5.4 **Plumbing.**

Provide plumbing systems in accordance with paragraph 2-4.3. Provide an industrial waste system if required by facility pollution control procedures for control of paint stripping residue. Locate storm water drains at least 310 mm (12 in) from the hangar access door rails.

4-5.5 **Compressed Air.**

Provide compressed air in accordance with paragraph 2-4.4.

4-5.6 **Noise and Vibration Control.**

Design mechanical systems and equipment to limit noise and vibration in accordance with UFC 3-450-01.

4-5.7 **PMB Reclamation.**

Design mechanical system and equipment to reclaim, and recycle the plastic media…

4-6 **ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS.**

Provide electrical systems, including power, lighting and grounding, in accordance with paragraph 2-5.

4-6.1 **Hazardous Classification.**

The focus of the design shall be to maintain the PMB facility as an unclassified space per the definitions of locations requiring hazardous classification, NFPA 70.
The premise of the design for PMB hangars is that given the combination of the quantity of dust, and the adequacy and interlocking of dust removal, it is not possible for dust concentrations to develop that require classification of any areas of the building. Dust removal and ventilation systems are specifically designed to remove dust in the combustible particle size range. In addition good housekeeping practices should be maintained as a supplement to the dust elimination and ventilation.

4-6.2 **Grounding.**

Provide the maintenance hangar with flush mounted, floor power ground receptacles, each with a 19 mm (3/4-inch) diameter ground rod, located at a minimum of 7.3 m (24 foot) centers across the centerline of the OH space. Locate additional power ground receptacles around dedicated aircraft parking areas to facilitate the use of grounding connections. When aircraft are parked outside of the hangar, provide static ground receptacles on parking aprons. Resistance to ground for ground power must not exceed 10 ohms maximum, and for static ground, must not exceed 10,000 ohms in accordance with MIL-HDBK-274 (AS), *Electrical Grounding for Aircraft Safety* and with NAVSEA OP5, *Ammunition and Explosives Ashore Safety Regulations for Handling, Storing, Production, Renovation and Shipping*. Connect ground receptacles together with No. 1/0 AWG minimum bare copper below the hangar floor and connected to the facility grounding system.

4-7 **FIRE PROTECTION.**

Design fire protection systems in accordance with paragraph 1-10. **Exception:** Do not provide foam fire protection systems for facilities containing aircraft that have their fuel cells removed. Follow the requirements for unfueled aircraft given in NFPA 409 in this situation.

4-8 **ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS.**

The type of environmental controls required will depend on the pollution abatement regulations at the site and the type and quantities of paints used. Environmental controls can be a major construction and operating cost item; therefore, an accurate determination of regulations and paints (existing and proposed) is required prior to design. /2/
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This appendix is included as an aid to the designer for information regarding OSHA requirements for both reduced airflow velocity in the painting zone and allowance of recirculation of exhaust air when proper measures are taken for corrosion control hangars. The U.S. Air Force, which bears the largest share of corrosion control expenses for its fleets of aircraft, have taken a pro-active approach in these matters. Refer to Appendix B, page, B-4, of AFRL-ML-TY-TP-2004-4518, for a detailed analysis, response and requirements of the OSHA interpretations and supporting calculations for the recirculating model. The following is the Abstract from that publication:

“The text of 29 CFR 1910.107(d)(9), which was imported from the 1969 revision of a fire safety standard, prohibits recirculating ventilation in spray painting facilities. Devices to measure vapor concentrations obsolete this standard almost immediately, but efforts to amend this statement have been frustrated. To accommodate advances in technology, OSHA invoked the designation “de minimis violation” to enable the use of recirculation and other technologies that comply with the most current consensus standards applicable to their operations . . . when the employer’s action provides equal or greater employee protection. Whereas industry has adapted to this expedient, Department of Defense agencies have consistently interpreted that if 107(d)(9) is still in print and the alternative is called a violation, however qualified, military installations will not be given permission to employ exhaust recirculation (ER). Individual bases working in isolation have built a few examples of painting hangars using ER, but each of these facilities suffered from one or more serious design faults. Robins Air Force Base (RAFB), near Macon, Georgia, is acquiring a painting hangar to accommodate painting of C-5 aircraft in an ER ventilation system. Because the economics of exhausting 2.5 million cfm of temperature-controlled air is untenable, critical justification for using ER is provided by RAFB’s environmental conditions, which require cooling and dehumidifying air used in the ventilation process during four to five months each year. This report identifies documentary precedents for competent designs of future paint facilities and describes the preparation and issuance of a design-and-build contract for construction of this new facility at RAFB.”

Consistent with the interpretations12, 14, and 16 above, OSHA inspectors did not cite L3 or Air Force facilities using ER ventilation to paint aircraft at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base (SJAFB), N.C., and at Mountain Home AFB (MHAFB), Idaho. SJAFB’s facility design placed a vapor control system inside the ER loop, lowering17 both total emissions and the increase in exposure within the workplace. The concept earned a 1994 award by EPA for environmental excellence and has profound implications17 for source reduction strategies.
The OSHA database for available information and interpretations edited as follows:
"Laws, Regulations and Interpretations provides a comprehensive and easy to use resource for current OSHA standards and enforcement-related information. Interpretations, enforcement guides, and other enforcement related information will be interlinked with regulatory requirements using hypertext links. Not all interpretations which have been issued by OSHA are included on "Laws, Regulations and Interpretations page". Ongoing maintenance is designed to provide the most up-to-date OSHA standards and interpretations of employee safety and health issues, while reducing the duplication of information and removing outdated guidance."

Attached is a list of known interpretations attempting to clarify the use of reduced and recirculating airflow by OSHA. Included in the interpretations are those annotated with an "*" are no longer available from the database but are included for supporting clarification, establishing the track record of acceptance by OSHA in industry for various allowances over the last 15-20 years. A copy is included at the end of this appendix or through imbedded file links. Interpretations published on the website may be accessed directly by imbedded hyperlink.(Control-enter key on the subject)

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OSHA de minimis policy for reduced airflow rates

Corrosion Control Hangars treated as spray areas per OSHA because of larger volumes allowing reduced airflows with de minimis policy

Reduced Air Velocities Allowed in Spray Booths
Recirculation in compliance with NFPA 33, considered a de minimis violation and would not be cited. One of the main standards now cited by the U.S. Air force for corrosion control hangars considered as Spray areas. 
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Spray Booth Compliance

Reduction of Airflow velocities in Paint Booths

Reduction of Airflow velocities in Paint Booths

2001 - 10/22/2001 - Clarification of minimum face velocity requirements for spray booths.
2001 - 09/17/2001 - Full compliance with NFPA 33-2000 may be considered a de minimis violation.

2002 - 06/24/2002 - Hierarchy of controls for exposure to air contaminants.

2004 - 08/12/2004 - Spray booth requirements including automatic sprinkler systems, relationship to NFPA 33 requirements, and paint storage.

1997 - 04/08/1997 - The airflow rate required for a spray painting area.
clarification of requirements for recirculating air discharged from spray operations.

Record Type: Interpretation
Standard Number: 1910.137
Subject: A clarification of requirements for recirculating air discharged from spray operations.
Information Date: 10/6/1987

Oct 16 1987

Mr. David K. Branstutter
P.O. Box 178241
Louisville, Ohio 40289-0001

Dear Mr. Branstutter:

This is a follow-up to our September 18 response to your letter dated September 1, addressed to Mr. E. Ross Buckley, Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, concerning the recirculation of air discharged from paint booths and the use of electronic air filters to filter the recirculated air. Your letter has been referred to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for response.

Section 29 CFR 1910.137 of OSHA’s General Industry Standards applies to spray finishing operations using flammable and combustible materials. Paragraph (d)(2) of this Section (copy enclosed) specifically prohibits recirculating air discharged from spray operations. However, if the workplace is in compliance with a current industry consensus standard, or if the employer’s workplace is at the state-of-the-art and provides equal or greater safety and health protection to the workers but differ from OSHA’s requirements, a violation of the applicable OSHA standard may be considered to be de minimis (see enclosure).

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 33-1985 standard paragraph 5-6.1 allows the recirculation of air discharged from a spray operation if the recirculated air has been decontaminated to an acceptable level. In addition, the same NFPA standard requires that the decontaminated air stream be monitored by approved equipment that signal the operator and automatically shutdown the spray operation in the event of failure of the decontamination equipment. Therefore, if you desire to recirculate air discharged from paint spray booths, you must meet or exceed the requirements of NFPA 33-1985 paragraph 5-6.1.

There are several air cleaning mechanisms in use including filtration, absorption, adsorption, centrifuging, electrostatic precipitation (electronic filter), and incineration. Electrostatic precipitators are mainly used to collect particulates and not gases and vapors. For your purpose, to remove gases, vapors and particulates, a combination of electronic and absorption cleaning processes may be necessary.

Section 29 CFR 1910.137(d)(1) of OSHA’s General Industry Standards in part reads, ‘Unless specifically approved for locations containing both deposits of readily ignitable residues and explosive vapors, there shall be no electrical equipment in any spraying area, whereon
deposits of combustible residues may readily accumulate...'
Therefore, since electrostatic precipitators produce special, the use
of such devices in a spray area where flammable liquids are used must
be engineered to meet the requirements of the above standard.

ASA does not endorse or promote any products. Therefore, we cannot
recommend any particular manufacturer of electronic air filters. The
Thomas Register of American Manufacturers does contain names,
telephone numbers, and addresses of the manufacturers of air cleaning
equipment, electronic air filters and air contaminant monitors. You
may wish to contact these firms for the information you need. Thomas
Registers are available in most public libraries. We recommend
however, that you check with the manufacturer of the electronic air
filter of your choice to assure that the equipment will safely remove
the type of contaminant in your spray area. Additionally, you may
explore the feasibility of using heat pumps to extract heat from the
air discharged from your spray booth.

I hope this information is useful to you.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Baier
Director
Directorate of Technical Support

Enclosures

cc: Baier, Abadir, Loo, CCA #79976 (Due Date: 10-15-87), filed
DTS/Incog/9-24-87/ Room N5655; x37031
Shells 20

September 1, 1987

M. Ross Buckley, Chairman
Occupational Safety and
Health Review Commission
1202 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Buckley,

I own a body shop and am losing alot of heat due to my paint booth.
Currently, I use a blower with common air filters to supply shop
air to the paint booth and another blower forces the
paint-contaminated air out an exhaust vent.

What I would like to do is recirculate the air back into the shop and
prevent any heat loss. I can use filters to catch the paint
particulates, but I am not sure if an electronic air filter will remove
paint fumes.

It is my understanding that there are industrial electronic air
filters and they are capable of removing all types of toxic fumes.
If at all possible, would you please supply me the names and
addresses of companies which manufacture industrial electronic air
filters? Also, would you please recommend a couple models?

Incidentally, if I can safely recirculate the paint booth's air back
into my shop area, are there any devises I can buy which will permit
me to monitor the air to ensure my industrial electronic air filter
is working properly?

I would appreciate a response concerning this matter as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

David E. Braasch
P.O. Box 175341
Lancaster, Ohio 43699-0341
Exhaust air in spray operations.

- Record Type: Interpretation
- Subject: Exhaust air in spray operations.
- Information Date: 11/03/1989

November 3, 1989

Mr. Thomas J. Slavin
Manager, Health and Safety
Navistar International Transportation Corp.
401 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Mr. Slavin:

This is in response to your letter of August 21, requesting an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) interpretation on the use of recirculation of the exhaust air in spray operations in a manner that conforms to the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 33-1988, Standard for Spray Application Using Flammable and Combustible Materials. You indicated in your letter that the operation you described conforms to all current NFPA standards.

Sections 5-3.1 and 5-3.2 of NFPA 33-1988 allow recirculation of exhaust air into the spray operation(s), if the exhaust air has been decontaminated to return to safe, acceptable composition, and listed equipment monitors the decontaminated exhaust air stream to signal the operator and to automatically shut down the operation in the event of a malfunction.

In the spray paint operation, you stated that the exhaust air, after being returned to the spray booth, does not increase the flammable levels of concentrations inside the booth over 6 percent of the Lower Flammable Limits (LFL), and that this is accomplished through the use of a filtering system and monitoring equipment. The 6 percent level is well below the safe levels of concentrations (below 25 percent of LFL) prescribed by NFPA.

Under the policy of de minimis violations, copy enclosed. OSHA recognizes an employer to be in compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act) if it at least complies with the applicable industry consensus standards, such as NFPA standards, and provides equivalent or greater levels of protection to employees who may be exposed to hazards. Based upon this policy and the information provided in your letter, we interpret that you provide for compliance with the OSH Act. If safe levels of concentrations are maintained within the specified operations. In operations such as maintenance activities, during which employee exposure is possible, use of positive pressure full face air respirators in...
Exhaust air in spray operations.
compliance with 29 CFR 1910.114 is required.

If you may be of further assistance, please contact us. Thank you for your interest in safety and health.

Sincerely,

Alan C. McMillen
Acting Assistant Secretary

Enclosure
JAN 15 1980

Susan R. Wyatt, Chief
Chemicals and Petroleum Branch
Emission Standards Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711

Dear Ms. Wyatt:

This is in response to your letter of October 31, 1989, concerning the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulation at 29 CFR 1910.107(d)(9) which prohibits the recirculation of exhaust air from spray finishing operations. Please excuse the delay in response.

As you are aware, 29 CFR 1910.107 was adopted from the NFPA 33-1969, Standard for Spray Finishing Using Flammable and Combustible Materials. The NFPA-33 standard is explicitly a fire and explosion safety standard. Therefore, the OSHA standard at 29 CFR 1910.107 pertains to the prevention of workplace fire and explosion hazards and does not pertain to health considerations.

Although the NFPA has updated their standard since the 1969 edition, OSHA has not. As a result, the current NFPA 33-1985, Spray Application Using Flammable and Combustible Materials, reflects the most up to date state of the art concerning the prevention of fire and explosion hazards during spray finishing operations.

Under an OSHA policy for "de minimis violations", employers are encouraged to abide by the most current consensus standard applicable to their operations, rather than with the standard in effect at the time of the inspection when the employer's action provides equal or greater employee protection. De minimis violations are violations of existing OSHA standards which have no direct or immediate relationship to safety or health. Such violations of the OSHA standards result in a citation, no penalty and no required abatement. A copy of the OSHA policy for de minimis violations is enclosed.
6. **De Minimis Violations.** De minimis violations are violations of standards which have no direct or immediate relationship to safety or health. Whenever de minimis conditions are found during an inspection, they shall be documented in the same way as any other violation but shall not be included on the citation.

   a. **Explanation.** The criteria for finding a de minimis violation are as follows:

      (1) An employer complies with the clear intent of the standard but deviates from its particular requirements in a manner that has no direct or immediate relationship to employee safety or health. These deviations may involve distance specifications, construction material requirements, use of incorrect color, minor variations from recordkeeping, testing, or inspection regulations, or the like.

      **EXAMPLES:** (a) 29 CFR 1910.27(b)(1)(ii) allows 12 inches as the maximum distance between ladder rungs. Where the rungs are 13 inches apart, the condition is de minimis.

      (b) 29 CFR 1910.28(a)(3) requires guarding on all open sides of scaffolds. Where employees are tied off with safety belts in lieu of guarding, the intent of the standard is met; and the absence of guarding is de minimis.

      (c) 29 CFR 1910.217(e)(1)(ii) requires that mechanical power presses be inspected and tested at least weekly. If the machinery is seldom used, inspection and testing prior to each use is adequate to meet the intent of the standard.

      (2) An employer complies with a proposed standard or amendment or a consensus standard rather than with the standard in effect at the time of the inspection when the employer's action provides equal or greater employee protection.

      (3) An employer's workplace is at the "state of the art" which is technically beyond the requirements of the applicable standard and provides equivalent or more effective employee safety or health protection.

   b. **Professional Judgment.** Maximum professional discretion must be exercised in determining the point at which noncompliance with a standard constitutes a de minimis violation.

   c. **Area Director Responsibilities.** Area Directors shall ensure that the de minimis violation meets the criteria set out in 6.6a.
Employers who fully comply with the specifications and requirements of the NFPA 33-1989, concerning the recirculation of exhaust air to an occupied spray booth, would not be cited under 29 CFR 1910.107(5)(9) under the policy for de minimis violations. However, the quality of the respirable air in the booth must comply, at a minimum, with the requirements set forth by 29 CFR 1910.1000 which establishes permissible exposure limits (PEL's).

If we may be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Shepich, Director
Directorate of Compliance Programs
Spray booth compliance with OSHA standards is determined at the work place.

Record Type: Interpretation
Standard Number: 1910.147
Subject: Spray booth compliance with OSHA standards is determined at the work place.
Information Date: 08/27/1991

August 27, 1991

Mr. Tom Ellis
Director of Sales and Marketing
Classic Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 6136
Buffalo Shoals Road
Statesville, North Carolina 28677

Dear Mr. Ellis:

This is in response to your letter of June 19, in which you request Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) verification that your new spray booth, in consideration of the design information provided, meets or exceeds 29 CFR 1910.147 standards. You have provided limited information, that is, an isometric depiction, generally stated design features and air flow velocities at different locations of your spray booth, on which to determine compliance with OSHA standards.

Withholding sufficient information from the manufacturer, spray booth compliance with OSHA standards is determined at the work place.

Employers are subject to compliance with OSHA standards which address the safety and health of employees involved in workplace spray booth operations intended to confine finishing applications consisting of flammable or combustible material. Applicable OSHA standards include not only 29 CFR 1910.147, which pertains to the prevention of workplace fire and explosion hazards but also 29 CFR 1910.1200, which pertains to the prevention of harmful exposure of employees to workplace toxic and hazardous substances.

Originally, 29 CFR 1910.147 was adopted from the NFPA 33-1969, Standard for Spray Finishing Using Flammable and Combustible Materials. Although the NFPA has updated its standard since the 1969 edition, OSHA has not. As a result, the current NFPA 33-1969, Spray Application Using Flammable and Combustible Materials, reflects the most up-to-date state of the art concerning the prevention of fire and explosion hazards during spray finishing operations.

Under an OSHA policy for "de minimis violations", employers are allowed to abide by the most current consensus standard applicable to their operations, rather than with the standard in effect at the time of the inspection, when the employer's action provides equal or greater employee protection. De Minimis violations are violations of existing OSHA standards which have no direct or immediate relationship to safety or health. Such violations of the OSHA standards result in no citation, no penalty and no required abatement.

Employers who fully comply with the specifications and requirements of the NFPA 33-1989, concerning the recirculation of exhaust air to an occupied
spray booth, would not be cited under 29 CFR 1910.125(a)(2) under the policy for de minimis violations. However, the quality of the respirable air in the booth must comply, at a minimum, with requirements set forth by 29 CFR 1910.1000 which establishes permissible exposure limits (PEL's).

Recirculating contaminated air within the spray booth to accumulate volatile organic compounds (VOC) emission for periodic incineration must be considered with respect to the intent of section 5(a)(1) of the OSH Act, which requires each employer to furnish to each of his employees which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees. In determination of compliance with OSHA safety and health standards, personal protective clothing is considered supplemental to engineering controls and administration practices to protect employees from exposure to hazards in the workplace.

Sincerely,

Patricia K. Clark, Director
Directorate of Compliance Programs
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### BAY DIMENSIONS

Bay dimensions shown will support S-3 aircraft and provide 10 foot horizontal and 6 foot vertical clearance between aircraft and hangar. Bay walls/doors/ceilings, reduced clearances shall not be used without prior NAFAF approval.

* Requirements based on Norfolk, Virginia area. Provide cooling for office space only. On space heating requirements vary. Verify specific facility requirements.

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### BAY DIMENSIONS

Bay Dimensions shown will support F-3 Aircraft and provide 10 foot horizontal and 8 foot vertical clearance between Aircraft and hangar. Bay Walls/Doors/Escalators reduced clearances shall not be used without prior NAVFAC Approval.

* Requirements based on Norfolk, Virginia area. Provide cooling for office space only. On space heating requirements vary. Verify specific facility requirements.

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