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### SECTION 13965A

#### WET CHEMICAL FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM 01/04

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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for wet chemical fire extinguishing systems that protect kitchen equipment and exhaust system.

Comments and suggestions on this guide specification are welcome and should be directed to the technical proponent of the specification. A listing of technical proponents, including their organization designation and telephone number, is on the Internet.

Recommended changes to a UFGS should be submitted as a Criteria Change Request (CCR).

Use of electronic communication is encouraged.

Brackets are used in the text to indicate designer choices or locations where text must be supplied by the designer.

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## PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: Issue (date) of references included in project specifications need not be more current than provided by the latest guide specification. Use of SpecsIntact automated reference checking is recommended for projects based on older guide specifications.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

FM GLOBAL (FM)

FM P7825a (2003) Approval Guide Fire Protection  
FM P7825b (2003) Approval Guide Electrical Equipment

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

NFPA 17A (2002) Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems  
NFPA 96 (2001) Ventilation Control and Fire  
Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL)

UL Fire Prot Dir (2004) Fire Protection Equipment Directory

1.2 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Submittals must be limited to those necessary for adequate quality control. The importance of an item in the project should be one of the primary factors in determining if a submittal for the item should be required.

A "G" following a submittal item indicates that the submittal requires Government approval. Some submittals are already marked with a "G". Only delete an existing "G" if the submittal item is not complex and can be reviewed through the Contractor's Quality Control system. Only add a "G" if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army projects, a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags may be used following the "G" designation to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy projects.

Submittal items not designated with a "G" are considered as being for information only for Army projects and for Contractor Quality Control approval for Navy projects.

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.] [for information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] The following shall be submitted in accordance with

Section 01330 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-02 Shop Drawings

Wet Chemical Fire Extinguishing System[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Drawings consisting of system layout including assembly and installation details and electrical connection diagrams; piping layout showing pipe sizes, lengths, and supports. Drawings shall include any information required to demonstrate that the system has been coordinated and will function as intended and shall show system relationship to items it protects and clearances required for operation and maintenance. Drawings shall also include conduit, cables, manual actuation stations and fusible links.

SD-03 Product Data

Similar Services

A statement of qualifications as specified.

Wet Chemical Fire Extinguishing System[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Manufacturer's catalog data including detail drawings for the following items. The data shall be highlighted to show model, size, options, etc., that are intended for consideration and shall be adequate to demonstrate compliance with contract requirements.

- a. Storage containers and mounting brackets
- b. Fusible links, cables, conduit, corner pulleys, and link mounting frames/brackets
- c. Release mechanisms
- d. Valves
- e. Discharge nozzles
- f. Piping components
- g. Remote manual actuation stations
- h. Fuel and power shutoff
- i. Alarms, alarm devices, alarm interface(s), control panels

Preliminary Tests[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Proposed test procedures for preliminary test, at least 2 weeks before the start of related testing. System diagrams that show system layout and typed condensed normal and emergency operating procedures, methods for checking the system for normal, safe operation, and procedures for manual actuation shall be framed under glass or laminated plastic. After approval, these items shall be posted where directed.

Final Acceptance Tests[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Proposed test procedures for final acceptance test, at least 2 weeks before the start of related testing. Proposed test schedule for acceptance test, at least 2 weeks before the start of related testing.

#### Field Training

Proposed schedule for field training, at least 2 weeks before the start of related training.

### SD-06 Test Reports

#### Preliminary Tests

Test report for the preliminary tests in booklet form, upon completion of testing. Report shall document test results including repairs and adjustments made, and final test results.

#### Final Acceptance Tests

Test report for the final acceptance tests in booklet form, upon completion of testing. Report shall document test results including repairs and adjustments made, and final test results. The weight of each storage container shall be recorded before final acceptance test and after test has been completed and containers recharged.

### SD-07 Certificates

Installation Technician[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Concurrent with statement of similar services, manufacturer's certification of installation technician.

Installation Drawings[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Concurrent with installation drawings, manufacturer's certification of installation drawings.

### SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

#### Wet Chemical Fire Extinguishing System

[Six] [\_\_\_\_] manuals listing step-by-step procedures required for system actuation (automatic and manual), recharging, and routine maintenance, at least 2 weeks before field training. The manuals shall include the manufacturer's name, model number, parts list, list of tools and parts that should be kept in stock by the owner for routine maintenance including the name of a local supplier, simplified wiring and control diagrams, troubleshooting guide, and recommended service organization (including address and telephone number). Service organization shall be capable of providing [4] [\_\_\_\_] hour onsite response to a service call on an emergency basis.

### 1.3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

#### 1.3.1 System Description

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NOTE: List each item of equipment requiring protection. The location of wet chemical containers, system release panels, manual actuation stations, wiring and connection to the building fire alarm control panel, fuel shut-off valves, power shut-down equipment and wiring, and ductwork access doors will be indicated on the drawings.

Where it is not clear which or to what extent exhaust systems should be protected, the designer shall indicate on the drawings the extent of protection required.

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Each of the following cooking equipment items [\_\_\_\_], including the exhaust hood, [grease extractor,] [grease filter,] and exhaust duct serving the item shall be protected by preengineered wet chemical fire extinguishing system. System shall be installed with all accessories necessary for system to operate in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and as specified herein.

#### 1.3.2 Regulatory Requirements

System application, design, and installation shall comply with NFPA 17A and NFPA 96, except as follows:

- a. Compliance shall include conformance to the advisory provisions by changing "should" to "shall."
- b. System components shall be listed in UL Fire Prot Dir or approved by FM P7825a and FM P7825b for use with wet chemical fire extinguishing systems.
- c. Reference to the "authority having jurisdiction" shall be interpreted to mean the Contracting Officer.
- d. The use of grease extractors does not eliminate the requirement that duct systems, grease removal devices, and hoods be protected by the wet chemical extinguishing system.

#### 1.3.3 Installation Drawings

Installation drawings shall be prepared by a representative of the manufacturer to ensure compliance with the requirements listed herein and with all manufacturer's requirements and recommendations.

#### 1.3.4 Installation Technician

The installation technician shall have been trained by the system manufacturer for system installation, operation, and maintenance.

#### 1.3.5 Similar Services

The Contractor shall submit a statement demonstrating successful completion

of similar services on at least five projects of similar size and scope, at least 2 weeks before submittal of other items required by this section.

#### 1.4 COORDINATION OF TRADES

Each system shall be coordinated with the equipment, hood, and exhaust ducts that it protects along with other construction in order to eliminate any interference.

#### 1.5 DELIVERY AND STORAGE

Equipment delivered and placed in storage shall be stored with protection from the weather, humidity and temperature variations, dirt and dust, or other contaminants.

### PART 2 PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 STANDARD PRODUCTS

System components shall be the standard products of a manufacturer regularly engaged in the manufacturing of products that are of similar material, design and workmanship. The standard products shall have been in satisfactory commercial or industrial use for 2 years before bid opening. The 2-year experience shall include installations of systems under similar circumstances and of similar size. Systems shall be supported by a service organization.

#### 2.2 PIPING COMPONENTS

##### 2.2.1 Pipe and Fittings

Pipe and fittings shall be Schedule 40 stainless steel. Stainless steel tubing may be used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Galvanized pipe shall not be used.

##### 2.2.2 Nozzles

Nozzles shall be stainless steel and shall be equipped with an integral strainer to prevent matter inside the distribution piping from clogging the nozzle orifice. Each nozzle orifice shall be provided with a seal to protect the nozzle from clogging by grease or other obstructions. This seal shall detach upon actuation.

#### 2.3 SYSTEM CONTROLS

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NOTE: The system will be connected to the building fire alarm system. If the building has no alarm system, the designer will consider connecting the system to the base fire alarm system.

The remote manual actuation station and equipment and wiring required for connection to building fire alarm panel and to shut off fuel flow and power will be shown on the drawings. Generally, the cable length to a manual actuation will not exceed 15 meters (50 feet).

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Each system shall be actuated by fusible link and by a remote manual actuation station connected to the extinguishing system release mechanism by cable. Remote manual actuation stations shall be located along the path of egress and shall automatically actuate the [building] [base] fire alarm system. The system controls shall automatically shut off fuel flow and electrical power to the protected appliances and other appliances located under the ventilating system protected by the extinguishing system upon system actuation. All cables used shall be stainless steel with corner pulleys employing stainless steel ball bearings at all corners. All cable and wiring shall be enclosed in conduit.

#### 2.4 EXISTING BUILDING FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL

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**NOTE: Use this paragraph only where connection to  
an existing building fire alarm system is required.**  
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The existing building fire alarm control panel was manufactured by [\_\_\_\_], Model [\_\_\_\_], and presently has [\_\_\_\_] spare zone modules. The wet chemical fire extinguishing system shall be connected to [the zone currently serving [\_\_\_\_]] [a spare zone module]. The fire alarm panel zone identification label shall be replaced with a new label of similar construction which indicates the equipment connected to the zone module. Discharge of the extinguishing system shall actuate the fire alarm control panel in the same manner as other actuating devices. Extinguishing system wiring shall be supervised in the same manner as other devices connected to the fire alarm system.

#### 2.5 WET CHEMICAL

The wet chemical shall not have an adverse effect on stainless steel during exposure periods of up to 24 hours.

#### 2.6 IDENTIFICATION SIGNS

Identification signs shall be located at each remote manual actuation station. Signs shall be fabricated of rigid plastic, red in color, with engraved white letters that are a minimum 6.5 mm 0.25 inches in height. Each sign shall be engraved with "Fire Extinguishing System" and with a brief description of the equipment protected.

### PART 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.1 INSTALLATION

Installation shall be performed by the installation technician in accordance with system manufacturer's instructions. Ductwork access doors shall be provided where indicated and at any items requiring service and inspection, including nozzles and fusible links. Ductwork access doors shall be in accordance with Section 15895 AIR SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION, VENTILATION, AND EXHAUST SYSTEM.

#### 3.2 PRELIMINARY TESTS

After installation has been completed, each system shall be actuated by both fusible link and by remote actuation station to demonstrate proper function of all components, including alarms and fuel flow and power shut off. Actuation by fusible link shall be in a manner approved by the system

manufacturer. Test containers, pressurized with either nitrogen or air to normal system operating pressure and of the same size as actual operating containers shall be discharged into system. The seals shall release as during normal actuation. After each discharge, the nozzles shall be removed, disassembled, and strainers shall be cleaned. System piping shall be inspected and cleaned as necessary. All functions of system operation shall be verified, including switches, shutdown of fuel and power to appliances protected by the system or served by the same ventilation system, uniform delivery of air or nitrogen, and activation of alarms. Nozzle seals/covers shall be replaced after the preliminary tests are complete. In the event portions of the tests are unsuccessful, repairs shall be made and the entire test repeated until successful.

### 3.3 FINAL ACCEPTANCE TESTS

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**NOTE: The requirement for plastic containers, hoses, and hose fittings should be deleted if wet chemical is not used in testing.**  
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System shall be actuated by both fusible link and remote manual actuation station and all system functions shall be verified as described in Paragraph PRELIMINARY TESTS [using test containers specified for preliminary tests] [except that actual system containers fully charged with wet chemical shall be used]. Each nozzle shall be provided with a plastic container, hose, and hose fitting to capture all wet chemical discharged. All tests or checks recommended by the manufacturer shall also be performed. In the event portions of the tests are unsuccessful, repairs shall be made and the entire test repeated until successful. Nozzle seals/covers shall be replaced after the final acceptance tests are complete. The system shall be returned to normal operating condition after the completion of testing and wet chemical containers expended shall be recharged and verified leak tight. Extinguishing system and equipment and duct protected by the extinguishing shall be cleaned after completion of testing. Any damage shall be repaired by the Contractor. The weight of each storage container shall be recorded before final acceptance test and after test has been completed and containers recharged.

### 3.4 FIELD TRAINING

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**NOTE: The number of hours of instruction should be determined by the number and complexity of the systems specified.**  
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The Contractor shall conduct a training course for operating and maintenance personnel as designated by the Contracting Officer. Training shall be provided for a period of [\_\_\_\_\_] hours of normal working time and shall start after the system is functionally complete and after the Final Acceptance Test. The field instruction shall cover all of the items contained in the approved Operation and Maintenance Instructions.

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