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SECTION 13930A

WET PIPE SPRINKLER SYSTEM, FIRE PROTECTION  
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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for wet pipe fire protection sprinkler systems.

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

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NOTE: The Designer will edit this section for either a performance-designed system or a fully designed system as applicable.

This section is primarily intended for performance designed systems, i.e., systems where the size, layout, and support of branch lines and cross mains, and the layout of sprinkler heads will be designed by the Contractor.

The Designer will provide the following information in the contract documents for performance designed systems. This information will be in accordance with Military Handbook 1008C.

- (1) Show the layout and size of all piping and equipment from the point of connection to the water supply, to the sprinkler cross mains. The contract drawings must include a detailed sprinkler riser diagram. Water velocity in the piping should not exceed 6 m/s (20 ft/s).
- (2) Show location and size of service mains, interior feed mains, control valves, sprinkler risers, drain lines, sectional valves, and inspector's test valves and switches on the drawings.
- (3) Specify waterflow data including hydrant flow results, including the location where the hydrant flow test was conducted, the location and size of existing mains and new water supply lines that will serve the sprinkler system (including all supervisory valves), and the location and size of all risers.
- (4) Highlight or clearly indicate the area(s) to be protected by sprinklers on the drawings.
- (5) Specify waterflow requirements including the design density, design area, the hose stream demand (including location of the hose stream demand), the duration of supply, and sprinkler spacing and area of coverage in this section.
- (6) Show the location of the backflow preventer (including provisions for a drain and access for maintenance) where the potable water supply system is at risk of contamination by the sprinkler system on the drawings.
- (7) Show all provisions necessary for forward flow testing of the backflow preventer at system demand, as required by NFPA 13 on the drawings. Indicate location of all components and required items, including test ports, for pressure measurements both upstream and downstream of the backflow preventer, a drain to the building exterior, and appropriate, permanent means of disposing of the large quantity of water that will be involved in the initial test and subsequent annual tests.
- (8) Highlight all concealed spaces on the drawings that require sprinkler protection, such as spaces above suspended ceilings that are built of combustible material or that can contain combustible materials, such as storage, and communication cabling that is not fire-rated.
- (9) Provide details on the drawings of pipe restraints for underground piping. This includes details of pipe clamps, tie rods, mechanical retainer glands, and thrust blocks.

When connecting to an existing water distribution

system, waterflow tests will be conducted to determine available water supply for the sprinkler system. The Designer will either perform or witness the waterflow test. The waterflow test results (including date test is performed) should be included in the Project Development Brochure; however it is critical that the waterflow test results be included in the design documents no later than the concept submission. Note that the availability of the Designer to participate or witness the waterflow test will be necessary. The need for fire pumps or a water tank can in many instances have a significant impact on the amount programmed for design and construction of a facility.

A fully designed system will include the items listed above and all additional information required that is required by Military Handbook 1008C and NFPA 13 for a fully operational system.

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#### 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.

##### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SANITARY ENGINEERING (ASSE)

ASSE 1015	(1999) Double Check Backflow Prevention Assemblies and Double Check Fire Protection Backflow Prevention Assemblies
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##### AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION (AWWA)

AWWA B300	(1999) Hypochlorites
AWWA B301	(1999) Liquid Chlorine
AWWA C104	(1995) Cement-Mortar Lining for Ductile-Iron Pipe and Fittings for Water
AWWA C110	(1998) Ductile-Iron and Gray-Iron Fittings, 3 In. Through 48 In. (76 mm through 1219 mm), for Water
AWWA C111	(2000) Rubber-Gasket Joints for Ductile-Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings
AWWA C151	(2002) Ductile-Iron Pipe, Centrifugally

Cast, for Water

AWWA C203	(2002; A C203a-99) Coal-Tar Protective Coatings and Linings for Steel Water Pipelines - Enamel and Tape - Hot-Applied
AWWA C606	(1997) Grooved and Shouldered Joints
AWWA C651	(1999) Disinfecting Water Mains
AWWA C652	(2002) Disinfection of Water-Storage Facilities
AWWA EWW	(1998) Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater

ASME INTERNATIONAL (ASME)

ASME B16.1	(1998) Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings
ASME B16.11	(2002) Forged Fittings, Socket-Welding and Threaded
ASME B16.18	(2002) Cast Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings
ASME B16.21	(1992) Nonmetallic Flat Gaskets for Pipe Flanges
ASME B16.22	(2002) Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings
ASME B16.26	(1988) Cast Copper Alloy Fittings for Flared Copper Tubes
ASME B16.3	(1998) Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings
ASME B16.4	(1998) Gray Iron Threaded Fittings
ASME B16.9	(2001) Factory-Made Wrought Steel Buttwelding Fittings
ASME B18.2.1	(1996) Square and Hex Bolts and Screws, Inch Series
ASME B18.2.2	(1987; R 1999) Square and Hex Nuts

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM A 135	(2001) Electric-Resistance-Welded Steel Pipe
ASTM A 183	(2003) Carbon Steel Track Bolts and Nuts
ASTM A 193/A 193M	(2003) Alloy-Steel and Stainless Steel Bolting Materials for High-Temperature Service

ASTM A 449	(2000) Quenched and Tempered Steel Bolts and Studs
ASTM A 47/A 47M	(1999) Ferritic Malleable Iron Castings
ASTM A 53/A 53M	(2002) Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless
ASTM A 536	(1984; R 1999e1) Ductile Iron Castings
ASTM A 563	(2000) Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts
ASTM A 563M	(2001) Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts (Metric)
ASTM A 795	(2000) Black and Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe for Fire Protection Use
ASTM B 62	(2002) Composition Bronze or Ounce Metal Castings
ASTM B 75	(2002) Seamless Copper Tube
ASTM B 75M	(1999) Seamless Copper Tube (Metric)
ASTM B 88	(2002) Seamless Copper Water Tube
ASTM B 88M	(1999) Seamless Copper Water Tube (Metric)
ASTM D 2000	(2001) Rubber Products in Automotive Applications
ASTM F 436	(2003) Hardened Steel Washers
ASTM F 436M	(2003) Hardened Steel Washers (Metric)
ASTM F 442/F 442M	(1999) Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe (SDR-PR)

FM GLOBAL (FM)

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

MANUFACTURERS STANDARDIZATION SOCIETY OF THE VALVE AND FITTINGS INDUSTRY (MSS)

MSS SP-71	(1997) Gray Iron Swing Check Valves, Flanged and Threaded Ends
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NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

NFPA 101	(2003) Life Safety Code
NFPA 13	(2002) Installation of Sprinkler Systems
NFPA 13D	(2002) Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and



Manufactured Homes

NFPA 13R	(2002) Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies Up to and Including Four Stories in Height
NFPA 1963	(2003) Fire Hose Connections
NFPA 24	(2002) Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CERTIFICATION IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES  
(NICET)

NICET 1014-7	(2003) Program Detail Manual for Certification in the Field of Fire Protection Engineering Technology (Field Code 003) Subfield of Automatic Sprinkler System Layout
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UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL)

UL 668	(2004) Hose Valves for Fire Protection Service
UL Bld Mat Dir	(2004) Building Materials Directory
UL Fire Prot Dir	(2004) Fire Protection Equipment Directory

1.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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NOTE: Residential Occupancies: NFPA 13R is applicable for residential occupancies up to and including 4 stories in height. This standard should be referenced and followed only for such occupancies. NFPA 13R differs from NFPA 13 relative to type of sprinkler, design criteria, sprinkler coverage, etc. Care must be taken when using this specification for residential occupancies to assure that the final project specification clearly indicates design requirements.

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Wet pipe sprinkler system shall be provided in [all areas of the building] [areas indicated on the drawings] [\_\_\_\_\_]. The sprinkler system shall provide fire sprinkler protection for the entire area. Except as modified herein, the system shall be designed and installed in accordance with [NFPA 13] [NFPA 13R]. Rack sprinklers shall be in accordance with NFPA 13. Pipe sizes which are not indicated on drawings shall be determined by hydraulic calculation. The Contractor shall design any portions of the sprinkler system that are not indicated on the drawings including locating sprinklers, piping and equipment, and size piping and equipment when this information is not indicated on the drawings or is not specified herein. The design of the sprinkler system shall be based on hydraulic calculations, and the other provisions specified herein.

### 1.2.1 Hydraulic Design

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NOTE: Applications requiring multiple densities/design areas must be referred to and shown on the drawings.

Systems covering 140 square meters (1500 square feet) or greater will be hydraulically designed. Only systems less than 140 square meters (1500 square feet) may be designed using the pipe schedule method of NFPA 13. This section must be edited if the system is to be designed using the pipe schedule method.

For sprinkler systems in residential occupancies, which are designed to NFPA 13R standards, paragraphs which address hydraulic design and sprinkler spacing must be edited according to NFPA 13R requirements.

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The system shall be hydraulically designed to discharge a minimum density of [\_\_\_\_\_] L/min per square meter gpm per square foot over the hydraulically most demanding [280] [\_\_\_\_\_] square meters [3,000] [\_\_\_\_\_] square feet of floor area. The minimum pipe size for branch lines in gridded systems shall be 32 mm 1-1/4 inch. Hydraulic calculations shall be in accordance with the Area/Density Method of NFPA 13. Water velocity in the piping shall not exceed 6 m/s 20 ft/s.

#### 1.2.1.1 Hose Demand

An allowance for exterior hose streams of [\_\_\_\_\_] L/min gpm shall be added to the sprinkler system demand [at the fire hydrant shown on the drawings closest to the point where the water service enters the building] [at the point of connection to the existing system]. [An allowance for interior hose stations of [\_\_\_\_\_] L/min gpm shall also be added to the sprinkler system demand.]

#### 1.2.1.2 Basis for Calculations

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NOTE: The design must include an adequate water supply to meet the sprinkler water demand. The designer must provide water flow test results and hydraulic calculations to ensure that the system demand will be met.

Design Calculations: The designer will provide detailed hydraulic calculations that clearly demonstrate that the water supply will meet the demand of the sprinkler system and hose streams. Calculations will be submitted with the concept design submission.

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The design of the system shall be based upon a water supply with a static pressure of [\_\_\_\_\_] , and a flow of [\_\_\_\_\_] at a residual pressure of [\_\_\_\_\_] . Water supply shall be presumed available [at the point of connection to existing] [at the base of the riser] [\_\_\_\_\_] . Hydraulic

calculations shall be based upon the Hazen-Williams formula with a "C" value of 120 for steel piping, 150 for copper tubing, 140 for new cement-lined ductile-iron piping, and [100] [\_\_\_\_\_] for existing underground piping. [Hydraulic calculations shall be based on operation of the fire pump(s) provided in Section 13920 FIRE PUMPS]

#### 1.2.2 Sprinkler Coverage

Sprinklers shall be uniformly spaced on branch lines. In buildings protected by automatic sprinklers, sprinklers shall provide coverage throughout 100 percent of the building. This includes, but is not limited to, telephone rooms, electrical equipment rooms, boiler rooms, switchgear rooms, transformer rooms, and other electrical and mechanical spaces. Coverage per sprinkler shall be in accordance with NFPA 13, but shall not exceed 9 square m 100 square feet for extra hazard occupancies, 12 square m 130 square feet for ordinary hazard occupancies, and 21 square m 225 square feet for light hazard occupancies. Exceptions are as follows:

- 1) Facilities that are designed in accordance with NFPA 13R and NFPA 13D.
- 2) Sprinklers may be omitted from small rooms which are exempted for specific occupancies in accordance with NFPA 101.

#### 1.3 COORDINATION OF TRADES

Piping offsets, fittings, and any other accessories required shall be furnished as required to provide a complete installation and to eliminate interference with other construction. Sprinkler shall be installed over and under ducts, piping and platforms when such equipment can negatively effect or disrupt the sprinkler discharge pattern and coverage.

#### 1.4 DELIVERY AND STORAGE

All equipment delivered and placed in storage shall be housed in a manner to preclude any damage from the weather, humidity and temperature variations, dirt and dust, or other contaminants. Additionally, all pipes shall either be capped or plugged until installed.

#### 1.5 FIELD MEASUREMENTS

The Contractor shall become familiar with all details of the work, verify all dimensions in the field, and shall advise the Contracting Officer of any discrepancy before performing the work.

#### 1.6 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

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

[Three] [\_\_\_\_] copies of the Sprinkler System Shop Drawings, no later than [21] [\_\_\_\_] days prior to the start of sprinkler system installation.

#### As-Built Drawings

As-built shop drawings, at least [14] [\_\_\_\_] days after completion of the Final Tests. The Sprinkler System Drawings shall be updated to reflect as-built conditions after all related work is completed and shall be on reproducible full-size mylar film.

#### SD-03 Product Data

##### Fire Protection Related Submittals

A list of the Fire Protection Related Submittals, no later than [7] [\_\_\_\_] days after the approval of the Fire Protection Specialist.

Sway Bracing[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

For systems that are required to be protected against damage from earthquakes, load calculations shall be provided for sizing of sway bracing.

Materials and Equipment[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Manufacturer's catalog data included with the Sprinkler System Drawings for all items specified herein. The data shall be highlighted to show model, size, options, etc., that are intended for consideration. Data shall be adequate to demonstrate compliance with all contract requirements. In addition, a complete equipment list that includes equipment description, model number and quantity shall be provided.

Hydraulic Calculations[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Hydraulic calculations, including a drawing showing hydraulic reference points and pipe segments.

Spare Parts

Spare parts data shall be included for each different item of material and equipment specified.

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

Proposed procedures for Preliminary Tests, no later than [14] [\_\_\_\_] days prior to the proposed start of the tests. Proposed date and time to begin the preliminary tests.

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

Proposed procedures for Final Acceptance Test, no later than [14] [\_\_\_\_] days prior to the proposed start of the tests. Proposed date and time to begin Final Acceptance Test, submitted with the Final Acceptance Test Procedures. Notification shall be provided at least [14] [\_\_\_\_] days prior to the proposed start of the test. Notification shall include a copy of the Contractor's Material & Test Certificates.

On-site Training[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

Proposed On-site Training schedule, at least 14 [\_\_\_\_] days prior to the start of related training.

Fire Protection Specialist[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

The name and documentation of certification of the proposed Fire Protection Specialists, no later than 14 days [\_\_\_\_] after the Notice to Proceed and prior to the submittal of the sprinkler system drawings and hydraulic calculations.

Sprinkler System Installer[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

The name and documentation of certification of the proposed Sprinkler System Installer, concurrent with submittal of the Fire Protection Specialist Qualifications.

SD-06 Test Reports

Preliminary Test Report[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_]]

[Three] [\_\_\_\_] copies of the completed Preliminary Test Report,

no later than [7] [\_\_\_\_\_] days after the completion of the Preliminary Tests. The Preliminary Tests Report shall include both the Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for Underground Piping and the Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for Aboveground Piping. All items in the Preliminary Tests Report shall be signed by the Fire Protection Specialist.

Final Acceptance Test Report[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_\_] ]

[Three] [\_\_\_\_\_] copies of the completed Final Acceptance Tests Reports, no later than [7] [\_\_\_\_\_] days after the completion of the Final Acceptance Tests. All items in the Final Acceptance Report shall be signed by the Fire Protection Specialist.

#### SD-07 Certificates

Inspection by Fire Protection Specialist[; G][; G, [\_\_\_\_\_] ]

Concurrent with the Final Acceptance Test Report, certification by the Fire Protection Specialist that the sprinkler system is installed in accordance with the contract requirements, including signed approval of the Preliminary and Final Acceptance Test Reports.

#### SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

##### Operating and Maintenance Instructions

[Six] [\_\_\_\_\_] manuals listing step-by-step procedures required for system startup, operation, shutdown, and routine maintenance, at least 14 days [\_\_\_\_\_] prior to field training. The manuals shall include the manufacturer's name, model number, parts list, list of parts and tools that should be kept in stock by the owner for routine maintenance including the name of a local supplier, simplified wiring and controls diagrams, troubleshooting guide, and recommended service organization (including address and telephone number) for each item of equipment. [Each service organization submitted shall be capable of providing [4] [\_\_\_\_\_] hour on-site response to a service call on an emergency basis.]

#### 1.7 HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS

Hydraulic calculations shall be as outlined in NFPA 13 except that calculations shall be performed by computer using software intended specifically for fire protection system design using the design data shown on the drawings. Software that uses k-factors for typical branch lines is not acceptable. Calculations shall be based on the water supply data shown on the drawings. Calculations shall substantiate that the design area used in the calculations is the most demanding hydraulically. Water supply curves and system requirements shall be plotted on semi-logarithmic graph paper so as to present a summary of the complete hydraulic calculation. A summary sheet listing sprinklers in the design area and their respective hydraulic reference points, elevations, actual discharge pressures and actual flows shall be provided. Elevations of hydraulic reference points (nodes) shall be indicated. Documentation shall identify each pipe individually and the nodes connected thereto. The diameter, length, flow, velocity, friction loss, number and type fittings, total friction loss in the pipe, equivalent pipe length and Hazen-Williams coefficient shall be indicated for each pipe. For gridded systems, calculations shall show

peaking of demand area friction loss to verify that the hydraulically most demanding area is being used. Also for gridded systems, a flow diagram indicating the quantity and direction of flows shall be included. A drawing showing hydraulic reference points (nodes) and pipe designations used in the calculations shall be included and shall be independent of shop drawings.

#### 1.8 FIRE PROTECTION SPECIALIST

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**NOTE: Level IV may be selected where warranted by  
system complexity.**  
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Work specified in this section shall be performed under the supervision of and certified by the Fire Protection Specialist. The Fire Protection Specialist shall be an individual who is a registered professional engineer and a Full Member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers or who is certified as a Level [III] [IV] Technician by National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) in the Automatic Sprinkler System Layout subfield of Fire Protection Engineering Technology in accordance with NICET 1014-7. The Fire Protection Specialist shall be regularly engaged in the design and installation of the type and complexity of system specified in the Contract documents, and shall have served in a similar capacity for at least three systems that have performed in the manner intended for a period of not less than 6 months.

#### 1.9 SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLER

Work specified in this section shall be performed by the Sprinkler System Installer. The Sprinkler System Installer shall be regularly engaged in the installation of the type and complexity of system specified in the Contract documents, and shall have served in a similar capacity for at least three systems that have performed in the manner intended for a period of not less than 6 months.

#### 1.10 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Compliance with referenced NFPA standards is mandatory. This includes advisory provisions listed in the appendices of such standards, as though the word "shall" had been substituted for the word "should" wherever it appears. In the event of a conflict between specific provisions of this specification and applicable NFPA standards, this specification shall govern. Reference to "authority having jurisdiction" shall be interpreted to mean the Contracting Officer.

#### 1.11 SPARE PARTS

The Contractor shall submit spare parts data for each different item of material and equipment specified. The data shall include a complete list of parts and supplies, with current unit prices and source of supply, and a list of parts recommended by the manufacturer to be replaced after 1 year and 3 years of service. A list of special tools and test equipment required for maintenance and testing of the products supplied by the Contractor shall be included.

#### 1.12 SHOP DRAWINGS

The Sprinkler System Shop Drawings shall conform to the requirements

established for working plans as prescribed in NFPA 13. Drawings shall include plan and elevation views demonstrating that the equipment will fit the allotted spaces with clearance for installation and maintenance. Each set of drawings shall include the following:

a. Descriptive index of drawings in the submittal with drawings listed in sequence by drawing number. A legend identifying device symbols, nomenclature, and conventions used.

b. Floor plans drawn to a scale not less than 1:100 1/8" = 1'-0" which clearly show locations of sprinklers, risers, pipe hangers, seismic separation assemblies, sway bracing, inspector's test connections, drains, and other applicable details necessary to clearly describe the proposed arrangement. Each type of fitting used and the locations of bushings, reducing couplings, and welded joints shall be indicated.

c. Actual center-to-center dimensions between sprinklers on branch lines and between branch lines; from end sprinklers to adjacent walls; from walls to branch lines; from sprinkler feed mains, cross-mains and branch lines to finished floor and roof or ceiling. A detail shall show the dimension from the sprinkler and sprinkler deflector to the ceiling in finished areas.

d. Longitudinal and transverse building sections showing typical branch line and cross-main pipe routing as well as elevation of each typical sprinkler above finished floor.

e. Details of each type of riser assembly; pipe hanger; sway bracing for earthquake protection, and restraint of underground water main at point-of-entry into the building, and electrical devices and interconnecting wiring.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 STANDARD PRODUCTS

Materials and equipment shall be standard products of a manufacturer regularly engaged in the manufacture of such products and shall essentially duplicate items that have been in satisfactory use for at least 2 years prior to bid opening.

### 2.2 NAMEPLATES

All equipment shall have a nameplate that identifies the manufacturer's name, address, type or style, model or serial number, and catalog number.

### 2.3 REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

Materials and Equipment shall have been tested by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. and listed in UL Fire Prot Dir or approved by Factory Mutual and listed in FM P7825a and FM P7825b. Where the terms "listed" or "approved" appear in this specification, such shall mean listed in UL Fire Prot Dir or FM P7825a and FM P7825b

### 2.4 UNDERGROUND PIPING COMPONENTS

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**NOTE: The drawings must show the service connection**



details and the underground water mains for the sprinkler system. The drawings must show details of the water service point-of-entry into the building and through the floor slab, and underground piping restraints, including number and size of restraining rods and thrust blocks.

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#### 2.4.1 Pipe

Piping from a point 150 mm 6 inches above the floor to [a point 1500 mm 5 feet outside the building wall] [the point of connection to the existing water mains] shall be ductile iron with a rated working pressure of [1034] [1207] [\_\_\_\_\_] kPa [150] [175] [\_\_\_\_\_] psi conforming to AWWA C151, with cement mortar lining conforming to AWWA C104. Piping more than 1500 mm 5 feet outside the building walls shall comply with Section 02510A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

#### 2.4.2 Fittings and Gaskets

Fittings shall be ductile iron conforming to AWWA C110. Gaskets shall be suitable in design and size for the pipe with which such gaskets are to be used. Gaskets for ductile iron pipe joints shall conform to AWWA C111.

#### 2.4.3 Gate Valve and Indicator Posts

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**NOTE:** This paragraph will be deleted if underground valves are either not required or are specified elsewhere.

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Gate valves for underground installation shall be of the inside screw type with counter-clockwise rotation to open. Where indicating type valves are shown or required, indicating valves shall be gate valves with an approved indicator post of a length to permit the top of the post to be located 900 mm 3 feet above finished grade. Gate valves and indicator posts shall be listed in UL Fire Prot Dir or FM P7825a and FM P7825b.

#### 2.5 ABOVEGROUND PIPING COMPONENTS

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**NOTE:** The following are basic restrictions on the use of plastic pipes:

- a. Plastic piping will be used only in light hazard occupancies and in residential occupancies.
- b. Plastic piping will not be used in combustibile concealed spaces that are required to be sprinklered.
- c. Plastic piping will not be used in spaces where ambient temperature exceed 65 Degrees C (150 Degrees F).
- d. Plastic piping must be protected, as a minimum, by either (1) one layer of 9.525 mm (3/8 inch) thick gypsum board, or (2) a suspended membrane ceiling with lay-in ceiling panels or tiles having a weight

of not less than 1.7 kilogram per square meter (0.35 psf) installed on metallic support grids, or by other method approved by UL. Method or protection of piping must be indicated and detailed in the contract documents.

e. Plastic pipe will not be used where water pressure surges could exceed 1207 kPa (175 psi).

f. Plastic piping will not be used in areas where the system could be subject to impact or physical stress or abuse.

g. Plastic piping can be used only in wet pipe sprinkler systems.

h. Quick response sprinkler heads will be used with plastic piping.

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Aboveground piping shall be steel [or copper] [, copper, or plastic].

#### 2.5.1 Steel Piping Components

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NOTE: Specify steel piping exposed to the weather or corrosive atmospheres to be galvanized or properly protected against corrosive effects.

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##### 2.5.1.1 Steel Pipe

Except as modified herein, steel pipe shall be [black] [galvanized] [galvanized where indicated] as permitted by NFPA 13 and shall conform to applicable provisions of ASTM A 795, ASTM A 53/A 53M, or ASTM A 135. Pipe in which threads or grooves are cut shall be Schedule 40 or shall be listed by Underwriters' Laboratories to have a corrosion resistance ratio (CRR) of 1.0 or greater after threads or grooves are cut. Pipe shall be marked with the name of the manufacturer, kind of pipe, and ASTM designation.

##### 2.5.1.2 Fittings for Non-Grooved Steel Pipe

Fittings shall be cast iron conforming to ASME B16.4, steel conforming to ASME B16.9 or ASME B16.11, or malleable iron conforming to ASME B16.3. [Steel press fittings shall be approved for fire protection systems.] Galvanized fittings shall be used for piping systems or portions of piping systems utilizing galvanized piping. Fittings into which sprinklers, drop nipples or riser nipples (sprigs) are screwed shall be threaded type. Plain-end fittings with mechanical couplings, fittings that use steel gripping devices to bite into the pipe and segmented welded fittings shall not be used.

##### 2.5.1.3 Grooved Mechanical Joints and Fittings

Joints and fittings shall be designed for not less than 1200 kPa 175 psi service and shall be the product of the same manufacturer; segmented welded fittings shall not be used. Fitting and coupling houses shall be malleable iron conforming to ASTM A 47/A 47M, Grade 32510; ductile iron conforming to ASTM A 536, Grade 65-45-12. Gasket shall be the flush type that fills the

entire cavity between the fitting and the pipe. Nuts and bolts shall be heat-treated steel conforming to ASTM A 183 and shall be cadmium plated or zinc electroplated.

#### 2.5.1.4 Flanges

Flanges shall conform to NFPA 13 and ASME B16.1. Gaskets shall be non-asbestos compressed material in accordance with ASME B16.21, 1.6 mm 1/16 inch thick, and full face or self-centering flat ring type.

#### 2.5.1.5 Bolts, Nut, and Washers

Bolts shall be [squarehead conforming to ASME B18.2.1] [ASTM A 449, Type [1] [2]] and shall extend no less than three full threads beyond the nut with bolts tightened to the required torque. Nuts shall be [hexagon type conforming to ASME B18.2.2] [ASTM A 193/A 193M, Grade 5] [ASTM A 563M ASTM A 563, Grade [C3] [DH3]]. Washers shall meet the requirements of ASTM F 436M ASTM F 436. Flat circular washers shall be provided under all bolt heads and nuts.

#### 2.5.2 Copper Tube Components

##### 2.5.2.1 Copper Tube

Copper tube shall conform to ASTM B 88M ASTM B 88, Types L and M.

##### 2.5.2.2 Copper Fittings and Joints

Cast copper alloy solder-joint pressure fittings shall conform to ASME B16.18 and wrought copper and bronze solder-joint pressure fittings shall conform to ASME B16.22 and ASTM B 75M ASTM B 75. Cast copper alloy fittings for flared copper tube shall conform to ASME B16.26 and ASTM B 62. Brass or bronze adapters for brazed tubing may be used for connecting tubing to flanges and to threaded ends of valves and equipment. Extracted brazed tee joints produced with an acceptable tool and installed as recommended by the manufacturer may be used. Grooved mechanical joints and fittings shall be designed for not less than 862 kPa 125 psig service and shall be the product of the same manufacturer. Grooved fitting and mechanical coupling housing shall be ductile iron conforming to ASTM A 536.

Gaskets for use in grooved joints shall be molded synthetic polymer of pressure responsive design and shall conform to ASTM D 2000 for circulating medium up to 110 degrees C 230 degrees F. Grooved joints shall conform to AWWA C606. Coupling nuts and bolts for use in grooved joints shall be steel and shall conform to ASTM A 183.

#### 2.5.3 Plastic Piping Components

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**NOTE: See Note in Paragraph 2.5 for restrictions on  
use of plastic piping. When plastic pipe is not  
permitted, delete this paragraph.**  
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##### 2.5.3.1 Plastic Pipe

Plastic pipe shall be chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC) conforming to ASTM F 442/F 442M, 1207 kPa 175 psi rating and listed in UL Fire Prot Dir for use in wet pipe sprinkler systems.

#### 2.5.3.2 Plastic Fittings

Plastic fitting shall be chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC) as listed in UL Fire Prot Dir for use in wet pipe sprinkler systems.

#### 2.5.4 Pipe Hangers

Hangers shall be listed in UL Fire Prot Dir or FM P7825a and FM P7825b and of the type suitable for the application, construction, and pipe type and sized to be supported.

#### 2.5.5 Valves

##### 2.5.5.1 Control Valve and Gate Valve

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**NOTE:** A control valve is required for control of each individual sprinkler riser. The type of such valves should be either the OS&Y or wall type indicator post. Where multiple risers are supplied from a single water service, riser control valves of the OS&Y type should be located in a valve room with exterior access. For more guidance on arrangement of sprinkler control valves, refer to NFPA 13, Appendix A.  
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Manually operated sprinkler control valve and gate valve shall be outside stem and yoke (OS&Y) type and shall be listed in UL Bld Mat Dir or FM P7825a and FM P7825b.

##### 2.5.5.2 Check Valve

Check valve 50 mm 2 inches and larger shall be listed in UL Bld Mat Dir or FM P7825a and FM P7825b. Check valves 100 mm 4 inches and larger shall be of the swing type with flanged cast iron body and flanged inspection plate, shall have a clear waterway and shall meet the requirements of MSS SP-71, for Type 3 or 4.

##### 2.5.5.3 Hose Valve

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**NOTE:** This specification does not include standpipe systems covered by NFPA 14. However, in conjunction with the project drawings, this specification can be expanded to include combined sprinkler and standpipe systems. Delete hose valve reducer when not required.  
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Valve shall comply with UL 668 and shall have a minimum rating of 2070 kPa 300 psi. Valve shall be non-rising stem, all bronze, 90 degree angle type, with 65 mm 2-1/2 inch American National Standard Fire Hose Screw Thread (NH) male outlet in accordance with NFPA 1963. Hose valve shall be provided with 65 to 40 mm 2-1/2 to 1-1/2 inch reducer. Hose valves shall be equipped with lugged cap with drip drain, cap gasket and chain. Valve finish shall be [polished brass] [rough chrome plated] [polished chrome plated].

## 2.6 ALARM CHECK VALVE ASSEMBLY

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NOTE: In lieu of an alarm check valve, the designer may show a back flow preventer and an accompanying two inch drain on the sprinkler system side, along with a vane type waterflow switch.  
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Assembly shall include an alarm check valve, standard trim piping, pressure gauges, bypass, retarding chamber, testing valves, main drain, and other components as required for a fully operational system.

## 2.7 WATERFLOW ALARM

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NOTE: Electric waterflow alarms are preferred. Coordinate type and location of waterflow alarm with the electrical designer.  
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[Electrically operated, exterior-mounted, waterflow alarm bell shall be provided and installed in accordance with NFPA 13. Waterflow alarm bell shall be rated 24 VDC and shall be connected to the Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP) in accordance with Section [13850A FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM SYSTEM, DIRECT CURRENT LOOP] [13851A FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM SYSTEM, ADDRESSABLE]] [Mechanically operated, exterior-mounted, water motor alarm assembly shall be provided and installed in accordance with NFPA 13. Water motor alarm assembly shall include a body housing, impeller or pelton wheel, drive shaft, striker assembly, gong, wall plate and related components necessary for complete operation. Minimum 20 mm 3/4 inch galvanized piping shall be provided between the housing and the alarm check valve. Drain piping from the body housing shall be minimum 25 mm 1 inch galvanized and shall be arranged to drain to the outside of the building. Piping shall be galvanized both on the inside and outside surfaces.]

## 2.8 ALARM INITIATING AND SUPERVISORY DEVICES

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NOTE: Water motor alarms and pressure alarm switches can be used only with an alarm check valve. Vane type waterflow indicators can be used with or without an alarm check valve and are often used for zoning of the system, e.g., building wings or floors.  
  
To permit testing of each alarm device, the designer will indicate a separate inspector's test connection for each device. Coordinate selections and delete inapplicable devices.  
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### 2.8.1 Sprinkler Waterflow Indicator Switch, Vane Type

Switch shall be vane type with a pipe saddle and cast aluminum housing. The electro-mechanical device shall include a flexible, low-density polyethylene paddle conforming to the inside diameter of the fire protection pipe. The device shall sense water movements and be capable of detecting a sustained flow of 38 L/min 10 gpm or greater. The device shall contain a retard device adjustable from 0 to 90 seconds to reduce the

possibility of false alarms caused by transient flow surges. The switch shall be tamper resistant and contain two SPDT (Form C) contacts arranged to transfer upon removal of the housing cover, and shall be equipped with a silicone rubber gasket to assure positive water seal and a dustproof cover and gasket to seal the mechanism from dirt and moisture.

#### 2.8.2 Sprinkler Pressure (Waterflow) Alarm Switch

Pressure switch shall include a metal housing with a neoprene diaphragm, SPDT snap action switches and a 15 mm 1/2 inch NPT male pipe thread. The switch shall have a maximum service pressure rating of 1207 kPa 175 psi. There shall be two SPDT (Form C) contacts factory adjusted to operate at 28 to 55 kPa 4 to 8 psi. The switch shall be capable of being mounted in any position in the alarm line trim piping of the alarm check valve.

#### 2.8.3 Valve Supervisory (Tamper) Switch

Switch shall be suitable for mounting to the type of control valve to be supervised open. The switch shall be tamper resistant and contain one set of SPDT (Form C) contacts arranged to transfer upon removal of the housing cover or closure of the valve of more than two rotations of the valve stem.

### 2.9 FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION

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NOTE: The designer will coordinate the desired location of the fire department connection with and verify the type of threads used by the fire department serving the building where the sprinkler system is being installed.  
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Fire department connection shall be [projecting] [flush] type with cast brass body, matching wall escutcheon lettered "Auto Spkr" with a [polished brass] [chromium plated] finish. The connection shall have two inlets with individual self-closing clappers, caps with drip drains and chains. Female inlets shall have 65 mm 2-1/2 inch diameter American National Fire Hose Connection Screw Threads (NH) per [NFPA 1963] [\_\_\_\_\_].

### 2.10 SPRINKLERS

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NOTE: The designer will indicate on the contract drawings the type of sprinkler heads for each area if more than one type of sprinklers is to be provided. Delete sprinkler types from this paragraph that are not intended for use in the system(s) used in the contract.

Areas that are classified as light hazard will be equipped with quick response sprinklers.  
Residential areas will be equipped with residential sprinklers.

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Sprinklers with internal O-rings shall not be used. Sprinklers shall be used in accordance with their listed coverage limitations. Temperature classification shall be [ordinary] [intermediate] [\_\_\_\_\_] [as indicated]. Sprinklers in high heat areas including attic spaces or in close proximity

to unit heaters shall have temperature classification in accordance with NFPA 13. Extended coverage sprinklers shall not be used.

#### 2.10.1 Concealed Sprinkler

Concealed sprinkler shall be [chrome-plated] [stainless steel] [white polyester] [quick-response type] [\_\_\_\_\_] and shall have a nominal 12.7 mm 1/2 inch or 13.5 mm 17/32 inch orifice.

#### 2.10.2 Recessed Sprinkler

Upright sprinkler shall be [chrome-plated] [stainless steel] [white polyester] [quick-response type] [\_\_\_\_\_] and shall have a nominal 12.7 mm 1/2 inch or 13.5 mm 17/32 inch orifice.

#### 2.10.3 Flush Sprinkler

Flush sprinkler shall be [chrome-plated] [stainless steel] [white polyester] [quick-response type] [\_\_\_\_\_] and shall have a nominal 12.7 mm 1/2 inch or 13.5 mm 17/32 inch orifice.

#### 2.10.4 Pendent Sprinkler

Pendent sprinkler shall be of the fusible strut or glass bulb type, [recessed] [quick-response] type with nominal 12.7 mm 1/2 inch [or 13.5 mm 17/32 inch] orifice. Pendent sprinklers shall have a [polished chrome] [stainless steel] [white polyester] [\_\_\_\_\_] finish.

#### 2.10.5 Upright Sprinkler

Upright sprinkler shall be [brass] [chrome-plated] [stainless steel] [white polyester] [quick-response type] [\_\_\_\_\_] and shall have a nominal 12.7 mm 1/2 inch or 13.5 mm 17/32 inch orifice.

#### 2.10.6 Sidewall Sprinkler

Sidewall sprinkler shall have a nominal 12.7 mm 1/2 inch orifice. Sidewall sprinkler shall have a [brass] [polished chrome] [stainless steel] [white polyester] [\_\_\_\_\_] finish. Sidewall sprinkler shall be the quick-response type.

#### 2.10.7 Residential Sprinkler

Residential sprinkler shall be the [pendent] [and] [sidewall] type with nominal 12.7 mm 1/2 inch orifice. Residential sprinkler shall have a [polished chrome] [white polyester] [\_\_\_\_\_] finish.

#### 2.10.8 Intermediate Level Rack Sprinkler

Intermediate level rack sprinkler shall be of the upright or pendent type with nominal 12.7 mm 1/2 inch orifice and minimum "K" factor of 5.5. The sprinkler shall be equipped with a deflector plate to shield the fusible element from water discharged above it.

#### 2.10.9 Corrosion Resistant Sprinkler

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**NOTE: The use of corrosion resistant sprinklers is generally limited to industrial type occupancies**

such as those involving electroplating, steam rooms,  
salt storage, and piers and wharves.

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Corrosion resistant sprinkler shall be the [upright] [pendent] type installed in locations as indicated. Corrosion resistant coatings shall be factory-applied by the sprinkler manufacturer.

#### 2.10.10 Dry Sprinkler Assembly

Dry sprinkler assembly shall be of the [pendent,] [upright,] [sidewall,] [45-degree] type as indicated. Assembly shall include an integral escutcheon. Maximum length shall not exceed maximum indicated in UL Fire Prot Dir. Sprinklers shall have a [polished chrome] [polyester coating] [or] [white enamel] finish.

#### 2.11 DISINFECTING MATERIALS

##### 2.11.1 Liquid Chlorine

Liquid chlorine shall conform to AWWA B301.

##### 2.11.2 Hypochlorites

Calcium hypochlorite and sodium hypochlorite shall conform to AWWA B300.

#### 2.12 ACCESSORIES

##### 2.12.1 Sprinkler Cabinet

Spare sprinklers shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 13 and shall be packed in a suitable metal or plastic cabinet. Spare sprinklers shall be representative of, and in proportion to, the number of each type and temperature rating of the sprinklers installed. At least one wrench of each type required shall be provided.

##### 2.12.2 Pendent Sprinkler Escutcheon

Escutcheon shall be one-piece metallic type with a depth of less than 20 mm 3/4 inch and suitable for installation on pendent sprinklers. The escutcheon shall have a factory finish that matches the pendent sprinkler heads.

##### 2.12.3 Pipe Escutcheon

Escutcheon shall be polished chromium-plated zinc alloy, or polished chromium-plated copper alloy. Escutcheons shall be either one-piece or split-pattern, held in place by internal spring tension or set screw.

##### 2.12.4 Sprinkler Guard

Guard shall be a steel wire cage designed to encase the sprinkler and protect it from mechanical damage. Guards shall be provided on sprinklers located [\_\_\_\_\_] [as indicated].

##### 2.12.5 Identification Sign

Valve identification sign shall be minimum 150 mm wide x 50 mm high 6 inches wide x 2 inches high with enamel baked finish on minimum 1.214 mm 18



gauge steel or 0.6 mm 0.024 inch aluminum with red letters on a white background or white letters on red background. Wording of sign shall include, but not be limited to "main drain," "auxiliary drain," "inspector's test," "alarm test," "alarm line," and similar wording as required to identify operational components.

## 2.13 FIRE HOSE REEL ASSEMBLY

Assembly shall include nozzle, fire hose, reel, 40 mm 1-1/2 inch valve, and bracket suitable for wall mounting. The assembly shall be semi-automatic type complete with Underwriters clip which permits controlled one-man operation whereby control valve can be opened, hose unreeled and clip released by pulling on hose. Valve shall be non-rising stem, all bronze, angle type with 40 mm 1-1/2 inch American National Standard Fire Hose Screw Thread (NH) male outlet in accordance with NFPA 1963. Reel shall be of steel construction with red enamel finish and shall be equipped with 30 meters (100) feet of 40 mm 1-1/2 inch rubber lined fire hose. Nozzle shall be of the industrial combination fog-straight stream type with shutoff. Components of the assembly shall be listed in UL Fire Prot Dir.

## 2.14 DOUBLE-CHECK VALVE BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY

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NOTE: Indicate piping, type of connection and equipment, such as a test header with hose valves, required for flow testing of the backflow preventer at full system demand as required by NFPA 13. Arrangement of test assembly should be coordinated with the installation.

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Double-check backflow prevention assembly shall comply with ASSE 1015. The assembly shall have a bronze, cast-iron or stainless steel body with flanged ends. The assembly shall include pressure gauge test ports and OS&Y shutoff valves on the inlet and outlet, 2-positive-seating check valve for continuous pressure application, and four test cocks. Assemblies shall be rated for working pressure of [1034] [1207] [\_\_\_\_\_] kPa [150] [175] [\_\_\_\_\_] psi The maximum pressure loss shall be 40 kPa 6 psi at a flow rate equal to the sprinkler water demand, at the location of the assembly. A test port for a pressure gauge shall be provided both upstream and downstream of the double check backflow prevention assembly valves.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 FIRE PROTECTION RELATED SUBMITTALS

The Fire Protection Specialist shall prepare a list of the submittals from the Contract Submittal Register that relate to the successful installation of the sprinkler systems(s). The submittals identified on this list shall be accompanied by a letter of approval signed and dated by the Fire Protection Specialist when submitted to the Government.

### 3.2 INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

The installation shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of NFPA 13, NFPA 24 and publications referenced therein. Installation of in-rack sprinklers shall comply with applicable provisions of NFPA 13.

### 3.3 INSPECTION BY FIRE PROTECTION SPECIALIST

The Fire Protection Specialist shall inspect the sprinkler system periodically during the installation to assure that the sprinkler system is being provided and installed in accordance with the contract requirements. The Fire Protection Specialist shall witness the preliminary and final tests, and shall sign the test results. The Fire Protection Specialist, after completion of the system inspections and a successful final test, shall certify in writing that the system has been installed in accordance with the contract requirements. Any discrepancy shall be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer in writing, no later than three working days after the discrepancy is discovered.

### 3.4 ABOVEGROUND PIPING INSTALLATION

#### 3.4.1 Protection of Piping Against Earthquake Damage

The system piping shall be protected against damage from earthquakes. Seismic protection shall include flexible and rigid couplings, sway bracing, seismic separation assemblies where piping crosses building seismic separation joints, and other features as required by NFPA 13 for protection of piping against damage from earthquakes.

#### 3.4.2 Piping in Exposed Areas

Exposed piping shall be installed so as not to diminish exit access widths, corridors or equipment access. Exposed horizontal piping, including drain piping, shall be installed to provide maximum headroom.

#### 3.4.3 Piping in Finished Areas

In areas with suspended or dropped ceilings and in areas with concealed spaces above the ceiling, piping shall be concealed above ceilings. Piping shall be inspected, tested and approved before being concealed. Risers and similar vertical runs of piping in finished areas shall be concealed.

#### 3.4.4 Pendent Sprinklers

Drop nipples to pendent sprinklers shall consist of minimum 25 mm 1 inch pipe with a reducing coupling into which the sprinkler shall be threaded. Hangers shall be provided on arm-overs to drop nipples supplying pendent sprinklers when the arm-over exceeds 300 mm 12 inches. Where sprinklers are installed below suspended or dropped ceilings, drop nipples shall be cut such that sprinkler ceiling plates or escutcheons are of a uniform depth throughout the finished space. The outlet of the reducing coupling shall not extend more than 25 mm 1 inch below the underside of the ceiling.

On pendent sprinklers installed below suspended or dropped ceilings, the distance from the sprinkler deflector to the underside of the ceiling shall not exceed 100 mm 4 inches. Recessed pendent sprinklers shall be installed such that the distance from the sprinkler deflector to the underside of the ceiling shall not exceed the manufacturer's listed range and shall be of uniform depth throughout the finished area.

##### 3.4.4.1 Pendent Sprinkler Locations

Pendent sprinklers in suspended ceilings shall be a minimum of 150 mm 6 inches from ceiling grid.

#### 3.4.5 Upright Sprinklers

Riser nipples or "sprigs" to upright sprinklers shall contain no fittings between the branch line tee and the reducing coupling at the sprinkler. Riser nipples exceeding 750 mm 30 inches in length shall be individually supported.

#### 3.4.6 Pipe Joints

Pipe joints shall conform to NFPA 13, except as modified herein. Not more than four threads shall show after joint is made up. Welded joints will be permitted, only if welding operations are performed as required by NFPA 13 at the Contractor's fabrication shop, not at the project construction site.

Flanged joints shall be provided where indicated or required by NFPA 13. Grooved pipe and fittings shall be prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's latest published specification according to pipe material, wall thickness and size. Grooved couplings, fittings and grooving tools shall be products of the same manufacturer. For copper tubing, pipe and groove dimensions shall comply with the tolerances specified by the coupling manufacturer. The diameter of grooves made in the field shall be measured using a "go/no-go" gauge, vernier or dial caliper, narrow-land micrometer, or other method specifically approved by the coupling manufacturer for the intended application. Groove width and dimension of groove from end of pipe shall be measured and recorded for each change in grooving tool setup to verify compliance with coupling manufacturer's tolerances. Grooved joints shall not be used in concealed locations, such as behind solid walls or ceilings, unless an access panel is shown on the drawings for servicing or adjusting the joint.

#### 3.4.7 Reducers

Reductions in pipe sizes shall be made with one-piece tapered reducing fittings. The use of grooved-end or rubber-gasketed reducing couplings will not be permitted. When standard fittings of the required size are not manufactured, single bushings of the face type will be permitted. Where used, face bushings shall be installed with the outer face flush with the face of the fitting opening being reduced. Bushings shall not be used in elbow fittings, in more than one outlet of a tee, in more than two outlets of a cross, or where the reduction in size is less than 15 mm (1/2 inch).

#### 3.4.8 Pipe Penetrations

Cutting structural members for passage of pipes or for pipe-hanger fastenings will not be permitted. Pipes that must penetrate concrete or masonry walls or concrete floors shall be core-drilled and provided with pipe sleeves. Each sleeve shall be Schedule 40 galvanized steel, ductile iron or cast iron pipe and shall extend through its respective wall or floor and be cut flush with each wall surface. Sleeves shall provide required clearance between the pipe and the sleeve per NFPA 13. The space between the sleeve and the pipe shall be firmly packed with mineral wool insulation. Where pipes penetrate fire walls, fire partitions, or floors, pipes shall be fire stopped in accordance with Section 07840 FIRESTOPPING. In penetrations that are not fire-rated or not a floor penetration, the space between the sleeve and the pipe shall be sealed at both ends with plastic waterproof cement that will dry to a firm but pliable mass or with a mechanically adjustable segmented elastomer seal.

#### 3.4.9 Escutcheons

Escutcheons shall be provided for pipe penetration of ceilings and walls. Escutcheons shall be securely fastened to the pipe at surfaces through which piping passes.

#### 3.4.10 Inspector's Test Connection

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**NOTE: Designer will indicate location of the  
inspector's test connections and all associated  
valves on the contract drawings, and will provide  
details of drain piping, if drain piping is needed.**  
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Unless otherwise indicated, test connection shall consist of 25 mm 1 inch pipe connected [to the remote branch line] [at the riser as a combination test and drain valve]; a test valve located approximately 2 meters 7 feet above the floor; a smooth bore brass outlet equivalent to the smallest orifice sprinkler used in the system; and a painted metal identification sign affixed to the valve with the words "Inspector's Test." The discharge orifice shall be located outside the building wall directed so as not to cause damage to adjacent construction or landscaping during full flow discharge.

#### 3.4.11 Drains

Main drain piping shall be provided to discharge [at a safe point outside the building] [at the location indicated]. Auxiliary drains shall be provided as required by NFPA 13.

#### 3.4.12 Installation of Fire Department Connection

Connection shall be mounted [on the exterior wall approximately 900 mm 3 feet above finished grade] [adjacent to and on the sprinkler system side of the backflow preventer]. The piping between the connection and the check valve shall be provided with an automatic drip in accordance with NFPA 13 and arranged to drain to the outside.

#### 3.4.13 Identification Signs

Signs shall be affixed to each control valve, inspector test valve, main drain, auxiliary drain, test valve, and similar valves as appropriate or as required by NFPA 13. Hydraulic design data nameplates shall be permanently affixed to each sprinkler riser as specified in NFPA 13.

### 3.5 UNDERGROUND PIPING INSTALLATION

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**NOTE: Restraint of the underground piping must be  
detailed on the contract drawings.**  
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The fire protection water main shall be laid, and joints anchored, in accordance with NFPA 24. Minimum depth of cover shall be [900] [\_\_\_\_\_] mm [3] [\_\_\_\_\_] feet. The supply line shall terminate inside the building with a flanged piece, the bottom of which shall be set not less than 150 mm 6 inches above the finished floor. A blind flange shall be installed temporarily on top of the flanged piece to prevent the entrance of foreign

matter into the supply line. A concrete thrust block shall be provided at the elbow where the pipe turns up toward the floor. In addition, joints shall be anchored in accordance with NFPA 24 using pipe clamps and steel rods from the elbow to the flange above the floor and from the elbow to a pipe clamp in the horizontal run of pipe. Buried steel components shall be provided with a corrosion protective coating in accordance with AWWA C203. Piping more than 1500 mm 5 feet outside the building walls shall meet the requirements of Section 02510A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

### 3.6 EARTHWORK

Earthwork shall be performed in accordance with applicable provisions of Section 02300 EARTHWORK.

### 3.7 ELECTRICAL WORK

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**NOTE: Coordinate power and alarm requirements with  
the contract drawings and other specification  
sections.**  
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Except as modified herein, electric equipment and wiring shall be in accordance with Section 16402 INTERIOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. [Alarm signal wiring connected to the building fire alarm control system shall be in accordance with [Section 13850A FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM SYSTEM, DIRECT CURRENT LOOP] [and] [Section 13851A FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM SYSTEM, ADDRESSABLE.]] [All wiring for supervisory and alarm circuits shall be [#14] [#16] AWG solid copper installed in metallic tubing or conduit.] Wiring color code shall remain uniform throughout the system.

### 3.8 DISINFECTION

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**NOTE: For modification of existing systems, provide  
specific procedures for disinfection of new  
equipment. If sprinkler piping is isolated from the  
domestic water piping systems by means of a reduced  
pressure backflow prevention assembly or if  
sprinkler piping in not connected to the domestic  
water piping, this paragraph should be deleted.**  
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After all system components are installed and hydrostatic test(s) are successfully completed, each portion of the sprinkler system to be disinfected shall be thoroughly flushed with potable water until all entrained dirt and other foreign materials have been removed before introducing chlorinating material. Flushing shall be conducted by removing the flushing fitting of the cross mains and of the grid branch lines, and then back-flushing through the sprinkler main drains. The chlorinating material shall be hypochlorites or liquid chlorine. Water chlorination procedure shall be in accordance with AWWA C651 and AWWA C652. The chlorinating material shall be fed into the sprinkler piping at a constant rate of 50 parts per million (ppm). A properly adjusted hypochlorite solution injected into the system with a hypochlorinator, or liquid chlorine injected into the system through a solution-fed chlorinator and booster pump shall be used. Chlorination application shall continue until the entire system is filled. The water shall remain in the system for a minimum of 24 hours. Each valve in the system shall be opened and closed

several times to ensure its proper disinfection. Following the 24-hour period, no less than 25 ppm chlorine residual shall remain in the system. The system shall then be flushed with clean water until the residual chlorine is reduced to less than one part per million. Samples of water in disinfected containers for bacterial examination will be taken from several system locations which are approved by the Contracting Officer. Samples shall be tested for total coliform organisms (coliform bacteria, fecal coliform, streptococcal, and other bacteria) in accordance with AWWA EWW. The testing method shall be either the multiple-tube fermentation technique or the membrane-filter technique. The disinfection shall be repeated until tests indicate the absence of coliform organisms (zero mean coliform density per 100 milliliters) in the samples for at least 2 full days. The system will not be accepted until satisfactory bacteriological results have been obtained. After successful completion, verify installation of all sprinklers and plugs and pressure test the system.

### 3.9 PIPE COLOR CODE MARKING

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**NOTE: Designer will coordinate color code marking  
with UFGS-09900 PAINTS AND COATINGS. Color code  
marking for piping which are not listed in Table I  
of UFGS-09900 will be added to the table.**  
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Color code marking of piping shall be as specified in Section 09900 PAINTS AND COATINGS.

### 3.10 PRELIMINARY TESTS

The system, including the underground water mains, and the aboveground piping and system components, shall be tested to assure that equipment and components function as intended. The underground and aboveground interior piping systems and attached appurtenances subjected to system working pressure shall be tested in accordance with NFPA 13 and NFPA 24. Upon completion of specified tests, the Contractor shall complete certificates as specified in paragraph SUBMITTALS.

#### 3.10.1 Underground Piping

##### 3.10.1.1 Flushing

Underground piping shall be flushed in accordance with NFPA 24. This includes the requirement to flush the lead-in connection to the fire protection system at a flow rate not less than the calculated maximum water demand rate of the system.

##### 3.10.1.2 Hydrostatic Testing

New underground piping shall be hydrostatically tested in accordance with NFPA 24. The allowable leakage shall be measured at the specified test pressure by pumping from a calibrated container. The amount of leakage at the joints shall not exceed 1.89 liters 2 quarts per hour per 100 gaskets or joints, regardless of pipe diameter.

### 3.10.2 Aboveground Piping

#### 3.10.2.1 Hydrostatic Testing

Aboveground piping shall be hydrostatically tested in accordance with NFPA 13 at not less than 1400 kPa 200 psi or 350 kPa 50 psi in excess of maximum system operating pressure and shall maintain that pressure without loss for 2 hours. There shall be no drop in gauge pressure or visible leakage when the system is subjected to the hydrostatic test. The test pressure shall be read from a gauge located at the low elevation point of the system or portion being tested.

#### 3.10.2.2 Backflow Prevention Assembly Forward Flow Test

Each backflow prevention assembly shall be tested at system flow demand, including all applicable hose streams, as specified in NFPA 13. The Contractor shall provide all equipment and instruments necessary to conduct a complete forward flow test, including 65 mm 2.5 inch diameter hoses, playpipe nozzles, calibrated pressure gauges, and pitot tube gauge. The Contractor shall provide all necessary supports to safely secure hoses and nozzles during the test. At the system demand flow, the pressure readings and pressure drop (friction) across the assembly shall be recorded. A metal placard shall be provided on the backflow prevention assembly that lists the pressure readings both upstream and downstream of the assembly, total pressure drop, and the system test flow rate. The pressure drop shall be compared to the manufacturer's data.

#### 3.10.3 Testing of Alarm Devices

Each alarm switch shall be tested by flowing water through the inspector's test connection. Each water-operated alarm devices shall be tested to verify proper operation.

#### 3.10.4 Main Drain Flow Test

Following flushing of the underground piping, a main drain test shall be made to verify the adequacy of the water supply. Static and residual pressures shall be recorded on the certificate specified in paragraph SUBMITTALS. In addition, a main drain test shall be conducted each time after a main control valve is shut and opened.

### 3.11 FINAL ACCEPTANCE TEST

Final Acceptance Test shall begin only when the Preliminary Test Report has been approved. The Fire Protection Specialist shall conduct the Final Acceptance Test and shall provide a complete demonstration of the operation of the system. This shall include operation of control valves and flowing of inspector's test connections to verify operation of associated waterflow alarm switches. After operation of control valves has been completed, the main drain test shall be repeated to assure that control valves are in the open position. In addition, the representative shall have available copies of as-built drawings and certificates of tests previously conducted. The installation shall not be considered accepted until identified discrepancies have been corrected and test documentation is properly completed and received. The Contractor shall submit the Final Acceptance Test Report as specified in the Submittals paragraph.

### 3.12 ON-SITE TRAINING

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NOTE: The number of hours of instruction should be  
determined based of the number and complexity of the  
systems specified.  
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The Fire Protection Specialist 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 On-Site Training shall cover all of the items contained in the approved Operating and Maintenance Instructions.

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