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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Variance from NFPA 14, 5.5.1 2013 Edition (Pressure gauges only)	Memo #: 16-0002
	Effective: December 5, 2016
Authority: Deputy Chief David Hartley, Fire Marshal	Internal (FMO Staff)

In accordance with the NFPA 14 Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems Section 5.5.1, a listed pressure gauge having a minimum face diameter of 3 1/2 in. must be connected at the top of each standpipe.

Due to corrosive conditions, the pressure gauges are constantly requiring replacement when exposed to outside spaces. After considering the continued cost for replacement of the gauges as a practical difficulty, I'm giving a standing variance, allowing the gauges to be removed on existing standpipes and/or not installed on new installations, on Class I manual dry standpipes when installed in open stair towers or walkways. At the top of each standpipe a connection to accommodate the installation of a pressure gauge for testing purposes shall be provided. This may include a shut off valve and/or plug.