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Code and Standard Conflicts

Code: 2018 Fire Prevention Code
Section: 102.10

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Question:

If a North Carolina Fire Prevention Code requirement conflicts with a referenced standard requirement, which one is enforced?

Answer:

In accordance with Section 102.10, the NC Fire Prevention Code is enforced when a conflict occurs between the Fire Prevention Code and a referenced standard. It should be noted that there are requirements where the Fire Prevention Code is amended to change how the referenced standard is enforced.

For example, Section 2108.2 of the NC Fire Prevention Code requires a sprinkler system for Type III-A dry cleaning facilities, however Section 6-1.3.3 of NFPA 32-00 provides an exception for eliminating sprinkler requirements. It is the intent of the NC Fire Prevention Code to amend the referenced NFPA 32 to continue to require sprinklers within a Type III-A dry cleaning facility.