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The State of Washington goes through to amend the model codes to account for specific State requirements prior to adoption. These modifications known as WAC's and are incorporated to the body of the code language.

The State amended International Fire Code will take effect on July 1, 2020. The following WAC will take effect on the same date.

The following will be required for personnel that design, install, test or maintain chemical based fire-extinguishing equipment for both Class 1 Kitchen Hoods and Industrial Booths; such as paint booths and powder coat booths; in the State of Washington:

IFC (WAC) 904.1.1 Certification of service personnel for fire-extinguishing equipment. Service personnel performing system design, installation or conducting system maintenance or testing on automatic fire-extinguishing systems, other than automatic sprinkler systems, shall possess the appropriate ICC/NAFED certification.

IFC (WAC) 904.1.1.1 Pre-engineered kitchen fire-extinguishing systems. A current ICC/NAFED certification for pre-engineered kitchen fire-extinguishing systems is required when performing design, installation, inspection/testing or maintenance of kitchen suppression systems.

IFC (WAC) 904.1.1.2 Engineered fire suppression systems. A current ICC/NAFED certification for engineered fire suppression systems is required when performing design, installation, inspection/testing or maintenance on kitchen suppression systems.

IFC (WAC) 904.1.1.3 Pre-engineered industrial fire-extinguishing system. A current ICC/NAFED certification for pre-engineered industrial fire-extinguishing system is required when performing design, installation, inspection/testing or maintenance on kitchen suppression systems.

Those without a valid certification after the adoption date will be unable to design, install, test or service the referenced equipment in the State of Washington.

Contact ICC or NAFED in regards to the process of acquiring the necessary certifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Greg Rogers".

Greg Rogers
Fire Marshal
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