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## Question:

Sentence 3.2.4.5.(2) requires fire alarm systems to be verified in conformance with CAN/ULC-S537 "Verification of Fire Alarm Systems" to ensure that they are operating satisfactorily.

Is the fire alarm system verification covered by the registered professional schedules B-1, B-2 & C-B under electrical section 6.3 functional testing of electrical related fire emergency systems and devices?

## Interpretation:

Yes.

The fire alarm system design and field review is covered by the registered professional's schedules.

CAN/ULC-S537 requires the verification to be conducted by qualified personnel other than the installing contractor or designer.

It is the responsibility of the registered professional to determine who is qualified to perform the fire alarm verification because the registered professional is taking responsibility for the fire alarm system.

The registered professional will request a copy of the fire alarm verification which shows that the fire alarm system is functioning properly before issuing a schedule C-B.



R. J. Light, Committee Chair

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