

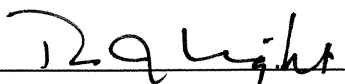
# BC BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE

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INTERPRETATION

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Interpretation Date:	January 17, 2012
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2006
Subject:	Effective date of reference standards
Keywords:	Reference Standards, Amendments, Additions, Supplements
Building Code Reference(s):	1.3.1.1.(1), 1.3.1.2.(1), Table 1.3.1.2.
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Sentence 1.3.1.1.(1) states that the documents referenced in the BCBC 2006 shall include all amendments, revisions and supplements effective to June 30, 2004.</p> <p>Does this mean that NFPA 13 – 2002 Edition is the applicable reference document for the design and installation of sprinkler systems?</p>
<b>Interpretation:</b>	<p>No</p> <p>Table 1.3.1.2. lists NFPA 13 – 1999 Edition as the applicable reference standard for the design and installation of sprinkler systems.</p> <p>Any amendments, additions and supplements to the NFPA 13 - 1999 Edition are included as part of reference document and are required by the BCBC 2006.</p> <p>When a new edition of a reference standard is introduced, the effective date for the use of this new edition does not commence until it is specifically referenced in Table 1.3.1.2. by either an amendment to the BCBC 2006 or by the introduction of a new edition of BCBC (e.g. the BCBC 2012).</p> <p>If there are provisions in an updated reference standard that provide a better design solution, then a registered professional can apply to the authority having jurisdiction for an Alternative Solution to use such provisions as described in Division A Clause 1.1.2.1.(1)(b).</p>
	<p> R. J. Light, Committee Chair</p>
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