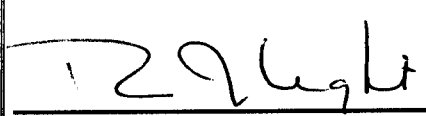
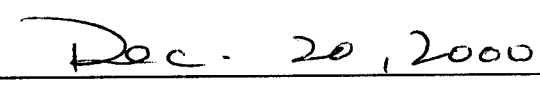


**BC BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE
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INTERPRETATION		
Interpretation Date:	December 20, 2000	File No.
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code: 1998	98-0010
Subject:	NFPA-96	
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Building Code Reference(s):	6.2.1.1.(1), 6.2.2.6, Table 2.7.3.2	Page No. 1 of 1
<p>Question: How is the NFPA-96 Standard applied to commercial cooking equipment, when the 1998 BC Building Code references NFPA-96-94, and the Fire Code NFPA-96-98?</p>		
<p>For the <i>design construction</i> and <i>installation</i> of the ventilation system for commercial cooking equipment, the BC Building Code reference is sentence 6.2.2.6.(1), and Table 2.7.3.2 For the <i>use, inspection and maintenance</i> of the system, the Fire Code reference is sentence 2.6.1.9 (2), and Table 1.1.3.2.</p> <p>There does not appear to be a conflict, as each Code regulates different requirements.</p> <p>It has been common practice of both the Building Officials and Fire Officials to accept that an installer is "trained", "qualified" and "certified" if they have attended and passed a training session provided by the manufacturer of the equipment. It is also common practice for the Authority Having Jurisdiction to require a <i>registered professional</i> who has training and experience in mechanical design to design the system.</p> <p>The words "trained", "qualified", and "certification" are words used in the NFPA Standard and should be ultimately addressed by that organization.</p> <p>This will not resolve the concerns expressed of the words "trained, qualified and certified", but the Committee feels that the AHJ has been and can continue resolving this issue, along with the Fire Official, similar to past practices, as there has not been a significant change to the Standard.</p> <p>The Committee has sent a letter to the Building Policy Section of the Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security, requesting the two Codes be harmonized to reference the same Standard.</p>		
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