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Question:

Schedule B requires that the responsibility for continuity of fire separations rests with the following registered professionals:

- Architect – for Architectural components
- Mechanical Engineer – for HVAC components
- Plumbing Engineer – for plumbing components
- Electrical Engineer – for electrical components

Schedule B is silent with respect to the responsibility for continuity of fire separations for fire suppression components. Was this an inadvertent omission on Schedule B?

Interpretation:

Yes.

The BCIC Committee has recommended to the Building Safety Standards Branch to amend Schedule B to include continuity of fire separations in the Fire Suppression discipline.

Until such amendment has occurred, the Coordinating Registered Professional is responsible to ensure that a registered professional does take responsibility for continuity of the fire separations for fire suppression components.

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