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Subject: Legalization requirements for an existing Sprinkler Alarm and Supervisory Monitoring System

I. Overview:

The following are the procedures to legalize an existing Sprinkler Alarm and Supervisory Monitoring System that has been installed pursuant to the 1968 NYC Building Code or prior codes.

II. Requirements:

1. Legalization of Existing Sprinkler Alarm and Supervisory Monitoring System will be limited to a system, required or voluntary, installed within a single fire zone not in excess of 22,500 ft² with the length not exceeding 300 ft. in any direction.
2. The nomenclature and number of the alarm and supervisory signal-initiating devices connected to the system shall be consistent with the code in effect including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Waterflow alarm-initiating switch, one device
 - (b) Tamper switches for control valves
 - (c) Air-pressure switches for use in dry-pipe systems and pressure tanks
 - (d) Water level and temperature supervisory attachments for use in water tanks
3. The transmitter shall not be used as a replacement of the standard approved interior fire alarm panel.
4. The Fire Alarm Inspection Unit will accept only MEA or BSA listed equipment.
5. Legalization of an Existing Sprinkler Alarm and Supervisory Monitoring System should not trigger the need to install any additional alarm initiating devices other than those specifically required by the respective sections of NFPA 13 and NFPA 72.

III. Submission

To legalize an existing Sprinkler Alarm and Supervisory Monitoring System submit the following documentation:

1. A valid copy of the Certificate of Occupancy or Letter of No Objection from the Department of Buildings;
2. Application for Terminal assignment (Form FA-17);
3. A valid copy of Monitoring Agreement from an approved Central Station Company;
4. As-built riser diagram signed and sealed by a registered design professional;
5. An electrical contractor application form (A-433B);
6. A request for inspection (Form B-45M).