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Subject: TAT/MHA Nation Staff Quarters-Request for Staff Qtrs Exemption to Fire Suppression Design - AHJ Decision

Hello Again Sara:

The IHS Code Committee reviewed your request for a waiver of the fire sprinkler requirement for IHS funded staff quarters homes and has made a recommendation to the IHS AHJ (see attached.) As the AHJ for the IHS, I concur with the Code Committee recommendation in that no waiver should be granted for the fire sprinkler system requirement because the protection of human life and property far outweighs the additional burden of the operation and maintenance requirements for home fire sprinkler systems. Please contact the IHS Great Plains Area Facilities Office if you desire technical assistance for O&M training and to minimize the O&M burden of these fire sprinkler systems.

Thank you

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Subject: RE: TAT/MHA Nation Staff Quarters-Request for Exemption to Fire Suppression Design

Hello Sara:

IHS acknowledges receipt of the TAT/MHA Nation request for a waiver of the fire sprinkler code requirement for your staff quarters project. The IHS Codes Committee will review your request and make a recommendation to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)/Director of DES. I will provide you with the official IHS/AHJ response at that time. I anticipate this should not take more than 4 weeks.

Thank you

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Greetings,

DES Director CAPT. Michael Weaver, PE

My name is Sara Eagle Pieper, Project Manager for Elbowoods Memorial Health Center clinical building projects. I have been working on the EMHC Staff Quarters residential housing project and currently finishing up the A3 Housing Submittal with our design team and General Contractor. Since we are moving closer to the final design development, the question of designing and installing an automatic fire suppression system was in question, and we are seeking to request an exemption from that requirement and design feature. I have included the letter to request exemption from that IFC requirement as it does not fall under the State of North Dakota or the International Fire Code 202, and also the SD contract is included.

We ask that you please consider our request at this time and then we can finalize the EMHC Staff Quarters A3 Housing Submittal, if you need us to submit the A3 Housing Submittal we can then submit both the exemption letter at the same time.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

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