

**COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Fire Prevention Division**

**Administrative Ruling/Interpretation 2007-2**

**Subject:** Work at Risk Criteria for Fire Sprinklers

**Effective:** August 29, 2007

**Code Reference:** 2003 IFC 105.1.6 as amended

**Description of Problem:**

As the construction industry streamlines and buildings go up faster, the schedules become tighter. Thus it becomes necessary to begin work prior to the issuance of a permit due to extenuating circumstances.

**Decision:**

Request for Work at Risk shall be submitted to CSFD for review on letterhead of the fire suppression contractor. All Work at Risk (WAR) requests will be reviewed and approved based on several criteria. Simply getting plans in late or just wanting to start early is not enough justification.

Justification shall be provided for the request, such as the rapid-pace of the project, or a delay in the contract award. A copy of the contract indicating the award date may be required. Please do not submit the entire contract. Other considerations that will be taken in to account will be the backlog of plans waiting for review and the number of Overtime Review Requests currently in the office. Contractor performance history will be considered in both quality of plans and installation aspects.

The Work-At-Risk should be the last option you turn to, to avoid abuse of the system.

Summary of criteria:

- Justification – Rapid Response Project, contract award date
- Plan Review Backlog – includes current turnaround, number of OT requests and other options available (third-party review).
- Contractor Performance – plans and installation.

**Approved:**



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