

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
San Antonio Fire Department
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAFD and DSD Associates

FROM: Asst. Chief Earl Crayton II, Fire Marshal

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FILE: Code Interpretation Manual

INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2006-021

TITLE: Backflow Prevention Assembly "Listing" Requirements

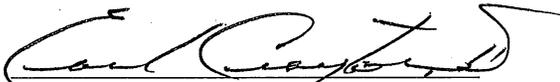
CODE EDITION: National Fire Protection Association 13R and National Fire Protection Association 13 as adopted by 2006 International Fire Code (IFC)

SECTION: 3.2.3 and 3.2.4 (NFPA 13R)

PURPOSE: To determine whether backflow prevention devices are acceptable per NFPA requirements if listed by University of Southern California (USC).

QUESTION: Do backflow prevention assemblies that are listed by USC meet the intent of NFPA requirements of "listing" and "labeling" of equipment or materials?

ANSWER: Yes. The above mentioned testing laboratory meets the intent of NFPA 13 and NFPA 13R requirements for equipment and materials to be "listed" and "labeled". Therefore, backflow prevention devices listed by USC are approved for use by SAFD. This response is consistent with an informal code opinion received from a member of the Technical Committee on Private Water Supply Piping Systems and an alternate to Technical Committee on Sprinkler System Installation Criteria.



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