



Session 3B

Classification Research and Potential Changes to 2016 NFPA 13

Commodity Classification is the first and vital step when developing fire protection design recommendations. One of the major changes in the 2016 edition of NFPA 13 includes a comprehensive update of Commodity Classification and the associated annex material. The presentation will discuss the work that went into updating the commodity classification guidelines and how to implement them. This presentation will also provide insight on the scientific research, testing and analysis that is conducted to determine commodity classification. The speaker is on the NFPA 13 commodity classification task group and is the author of FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheet 8-1, Commodity Classification.



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