



Session 4B Lessons Learned from 20 Years of Large Scale Fire Testing

UL's large scale fire test facilities in Northbrook, IL became operational in 1996. In the years just prior to and subsequent to this event, new storage sprinkler technology has been developed that has been cost-effective and significantly enhanced the protection afforded for storage facilities. In addition, much has been learned regarding fire behavior and many of the important variables associated with conducting fire tests that involve sprinkler protection. A broad range of topics will be discussed during this session (along with highlight fire test videos) including Chapter 21 of NFPA 13-2016, storage sprinkler technology, antifreeze, commodity testing and other topics of interest.



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