



Session 2C

Commercial Kitchen Suppression Systems: System Failures and Causes

This session will provide an overview of mechanical and fire protection system requirements for commercial restaurant kitchens and identify reasons why fires are not always controlled when a fire extinguishing system is present. Although it may appear that the system “failed” to put the fire out, the root causes of the perceived failures will be discussed and examples presented.



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