



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	September 15, 2016	Interpretation	16-006
Topic	Permit for repairs of automatic fire-extinguishing systems		
Code Section(s)	2013 CFC §105.7.1 and CCR §902.12		
Requested by	AES Advisory Committee Larry Shulman, AES Advisory Committee member		
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**Question: Are permits and/or plan review required for repair to any water-based fire protection system?**

**NO.** The 2013 California Fire Code Section 105.7.1 states, “A construction permit is required for installation of or modification to an automatic fire-extinguishing system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.” Additionally, CCR, Title 19, Section 902.12 defines maintenance as, “Work performed to keep equipment operable or to make repairs.”

Therefore, as long as the repair is a like-for-like component replacement and not a modification, a permit is not required.